

Big, modern, designed for patients *Ground broken on new tribal health care center*



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel are joined by tribal legislators, health care officials and guests during November 9 groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Chickasaw Nation health care facility.

ADA, Okla. - More than 750 people were in attendance on Friday, November 9, 2007, to commemorate the historic groundbreaking on a new 370,000 square-foot health care facility in Ada.

The new facility will almost

triple the size of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF).

Approximately \$45 million in tribal business profits and a \$90 million bond issue will finance construction of the facility.

Consistent growth in the num-

ber of patient visits along with citizens' input led to the decision to build the new facility.

"Chickasaw citizens have repeatedly cited health care as the number one priority among the multitude of tribal services we have," Governor Bill Anoatubby

Unique joint venture funding ensures consistent resources, enhanced staffing

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) was selected Oct. 17, 2007 to receive millions of dollars in additional annual funding under the Indian Health Service Joint Venture program.

"This award brings our long-standing and beneficial partner-

ship with the IHS to a new level," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Joint Venture funding will greatly enhance our ability to continue improving the quality of care we provide."

Selection of CNHS for inclusion in the program is based on plans to construct a \$135 million

state-of-the-art health facility in Ada. Construction of the new facility began in November of this year.

The new, 370,000 square-foot facility will almost triple the size of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Joint Venture funding will provide millions of dollars in annual funding for staff and operational needs of the new facility for a minimum of 20 years.

Over time, CNHS expects to add 300 new positions, which will include physicians, nurses and other workers, to staff the facility.

Joint Venture funds will enable CNHS to fully staff the new facility much more quickly than would have been otherwise possible.

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said at the groundbreaking. "Today, we are taking their suggestions and putting them into action."

The current CAIHF facility was built to accommodate 20,500 annual patient visits. In 2005, the facility accommodated more than 238,400 patient visits.

Planning for the new facility began in June 2003. Plans included strategic planning exercises and a master plan project to evaluate expansion options for the current facility versus construction of a new facility. Costs were almost identical when the two options were compared. After evaluating the positive and

negative aspects of expanding Carl Albert compared to building a new facility, Chickasaw Nation Health System officials made the recommendation to build a new state-of-the-art health care facility.

Construction of a new facility will provide several advantages. First, patient care at CAIHF will proceed without interruption. Second, building the new facility can be accomplished in considerably less time than expanding the current facility. Third, the new facility will provide long term savings in

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Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings to Chickasaws across the country and around the world!

The blessings of our tribe are many. We pray that those blessings may be multiplied many fold in the lives of our children, our grandchildren and the coming generations of Chickasaws!

As always, we extend very special holiday wishes to our Chickasaw men and women serving in the armed forces. Bless each of you and your families with hopes that you will be together this season. Wherever you are stationed, our prayers go out to you.

Best holiday wishes to our Chickasaw veterans who have served our country so well through the years.

To our treasured Chickasaw elders, may you be blessed with much cheer and richness of spirit, and may you enjoy the comfort of family and friends.

Let us remember to help those who are less fortunate in their lives. May we promote peace throughout the world by helping others.

Joyous holiday wishes to every Chickasaw family. May you experience peace, joy and happiness this season, and throughout the coming year.

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Bill Anoatubby

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

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REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

September 21, 2007

AGENDA ITEM #1

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #3

ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Matthew Morgan, Shawna Campbell, Audrey Davis, Rita Loder, Ben Barrick, Kyle Key, Phillip Perkins, Eddie Easterling, Clint Chadwick, Brad Foster, Rogenette Lackey, Erik Hatton, Josh Presley, Stanley Foster, Lona A. Barrick, Jenny Trett, Karen Cook, Robyn Elliott, Joyce Foraker, Bob Foraker, Wes Brantley, Bill Quincy, Wayne Scribner, Amanda Cobb, Kerri McDonald, Dana Hudspeth, Steven Jones, Kirk Perry, Michael L. Wingo, Jay Keel, Tom Bolitho, Rose Shields Jefferson, Sammie Montgomery, Traile G. Glory, David Hatton, Kelly Lunsford, Jeannie Coplin, David Brown, 'Rena Duncan, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Patrick James, James A. Humes, Pat Woods, Frank Johnson, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM #4

READING OF MINUTES - August 17, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the August 17, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-010, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-425 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Judicial Department Salaries)

The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983.

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-425 pertaining to the longevity pay of Supreme Court Justices. This resolution increases such longevity pay from 3.5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Justice of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1983, to 5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Justice of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1983. For examples, a Supreme Court Justice in his first year of office would be paid the monthly base salary (\$3,000) plus 25% of that salary (\$750) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan; a Supreme Court Justice in his second year of office would be paid the monthly base salary plus 5% (\$3,150) plus 25% of that salary (\$787.50) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR24-010.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

7 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

6 no votes

The motion to approve PR240-010 carried.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-011, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-426 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Department Salaries)

The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review

salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983.

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-426 pertaining to the longevity pay of Legislators. This resolution increases such longevity pay from 3.5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Legislator under the Constitution of 1983, to 5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Legislator under the Constitution of 1983. For examples, a Legislator in his first year of office would be paid the monthly base salary (\$3,500) plus 25% of that salary (\$875) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan; a Legislator in his second year of office would be paid the monthly base salary plus 5% (\$3,675) plus 25% of that salary (\$918.75) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR24-011.

Member voting yes:

Scott Colbert

1 yes vote

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

12 no votes

The motion to approve PR24-011 failed.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-012, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-427 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Executive Department Salaries)

The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983.

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-427 pertaining to the base salary and retirement benefits of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This resolution increases the base salary of the Governor from \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year and the base salary of Lieutenant Governor from \$80,000 to \$200,000 per year. This resolution increases retirement benefits for Governor and Lieutenant Governor from 25% to 30% of their total annual salary to be paid into a retirement/investment plan, as directed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Longevity pay for Governor and Lieutenant Governor remains unchanged at \$50,000 per year for each term of office completed under the Constitution of 1983.

For examples, a Governor in his first term of office would be paid the base salary (\$300,000) plus 30% of that salary (\$90,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year; a Governor in his second term of office would be paid the base salary plus \$50,000 (\$350,000) plus 30% of that salary (\$105,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year. A Lieutenant Governor in his first term of office would be paid the base salary (\$200,000) plus 30% of that salary (\$60,000)

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Supporters of Chickasaw Foundation honored at reception



From left, Jennifer Barnes-Kerns, Beth Alexander, Ron Scott, David Woerz, Debra Bittle, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs, Dean McManus and Katie Case accept awards from the Chickasaw Foundation.

Chickasaw Foundation donors and volunteers were honored at the Friends of the Foundation reception Thursday, Nov. 15.

The event was hosted at the Chickasaw Community Center, which was decorated in fall regalia, and featured a silent auction of Native American art

work. Proceeds from the second annual silent auction fund a fine arts scholarship, which was established last year.

The afternoon culminated with the announcement of this year's honorees. The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue

team, Jennifer Barnes-Kerns and Debra Bittle were honored at the event.

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature was honored as the Philanthropic Organization of the Year. The group was selected for establishing the Mooniene Ogee Scholarship in 2007. The

scholarship was named to honor the late Mrs. Ogee, a long-time tribal legislator and educator. Mrs. Ogee was known for her tireless work for the betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Indian people. The scholarship is designated for Chickasaw students who pursue education degrees.

Debra Bittle received the Volunteer of the Year award and Jennifer Barnes-Kerns received the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year. Members of the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team were honored as the volunteer group of the year.

"The Foundation was established to support Chickasaw citizens so they can reach their full potential," Chickasaw Foun-

dation Board Chairman Kennedy Brown told the assembly. Brown said the 43 scholarships the Foundation provides helps ensure Chickasaw citizens can obtain a higher education.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people.

Members of the board of trustees include Kennedy Brown, chairman; Deanna Hartley-Kelso, vice-chairman; Kirk Perry, secretary; Wesley D. Brantley, Jr., treasurer; and trustees Sheilla Brashier, Nathan Hart, Dr. Tina Cooper, John Fryrear, and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse, Oklahoma Narcotics Bureau signal cooperative efforts

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal and Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Director R. Darrell Weaver recently outlined how the cross deputation agreement signed in May will benefit the state.

Individual officers of the LPD and the OBN have been issued special law enforcement commissions under the agreement granting each equal law enforcement authority on or off Indian land.

Weaver said the agreement will eliminate the "jurisdictional veil" which has hindered drug prosecutions involving trust lands.

An OBN officer has been assigned to work from the Lighthorse office in Ada. In return, a Lighthorse officer has been assigned to work from the OBN office in Ardmore.

Weaver expressed great confidence in the ability of the Lighthorse officers to work effectively with his agency.

"There is probably no police agency in the state of Oklahoma, bar none, that is better run than this group of Lighthorse policemen," said Weaver.

He also noted high standards LPD applies to policy, vigorous physical fitness requirements

and training.

Chief O'Neal said the partnership with OBN will be an important asset in fighting and reducing drug crime.

"The tribe does not have jurisdiction over non-Indians, so a lot of times we would identify a violation and as soon as we found out they were non-Indian it was hands off," Chief O'Neal said.

He added that the cross-deputation would provide many benefits to the LPD.

"They are the experts in drug investigations," he said. "They are the experts in going into communities and addressing these issues."

Weaver said the cross deputation and partnership has several components.

One of those was sending OBN agents through a vigorous three-day Bureau of Indian Affairs training course to help them understand jurisdictional issues related to Indian trust lands.

The LPD and the OBN will also be working on providing education to local schools and communities to prevent young people.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Purcell Regional Office honored as chamber 'Business of the Month'

PURCELL, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Regional Office in Purcell was recently chosen as the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Month" in October.

"I feel like it is such an honor to be chosen," said Regional Office director Linda Williams.

The Purcell office acts as a regional hub for the services offered by the Chickasaw Nation to citizens from Purcell and the surrounding areas. This establishment serves Native Americans in McClain and Grady counties and Chickasaws in Oklahoma and Cleveland counties.

Programs offered at the Chickasaw Nation Regional Office include Elder Assistance, Family Advocacy, Vocational Rehabilitation, and GED classes. The office also has two Community Health Representatives

on staff.

Not only does the Chickasaw Nation Regional Office give back to the people of the Purcell area, it is also going to lengths to improve the town as a whole, including landscaping projects.

"The Chickasaw Nation Regional Office has such a huge impact on the community that it is hard to put into words, said

Mark Alfonso, Executive Director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber.

"They are very generous in the way that they give back to the citizens of the area and are a critical component to the fabric of the community."

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.



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New health facility on track; child care center set



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

By now the turkey should have turned into soup and the

ham into sandwiches but I hope all of you have had a meaningful holiday with the warmth and love of good friends, family and memories. Take a deep breath for Christmas and the wonders of that special Season. It's upon us.

The groundbreaking of the new hospital was a momentous occasion. It was a really beautiful day, befitting such an event. (A rain storm could not have dimmed our excitement, tho', over that!).

We have been looking at plans for a state of the art childcare center. The Legislature approved a budget amendment for the construction of the facility.

A whole different set of requirements are in place it seems for a facility that will be housing children. We all learned a lot - as did our housing division administrators - as we worked together to meet guidelines. It will be a fortunate group of little ones who get to attend the center when it is completed. We are so proud of the job done by the people in the tribe who look after the little children. The facility will be built with a grant in the amount of \$800,000 and tribal funds of \$1,200,000. There are over 300 children on the waiting list for admission to our childcare centers.

There is a great amount of

activity around our Winstar Casino located just across the Red River from the Texas line. The casino is being enlarged and the entire facade of the existing casino will be changed. Private developers are building around us with preparations beginning for a large hotel to be built to the west of the casino and a strip mall shopping area being built to the south, near the luxury homes going in around our golf course. The golf course is very popular and the clubhouse is a favorite place for special events and elegant dining. Maybe one day we'll be "Winstar City" down there - It certainly is growing in all directions.

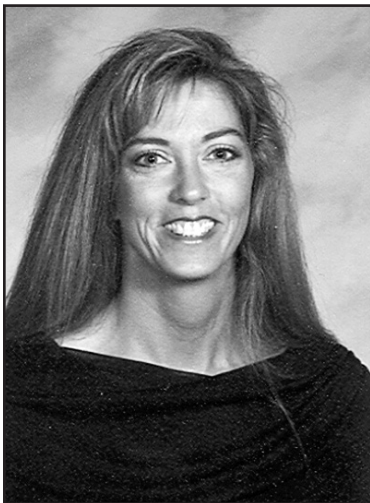
NOW is the time to get applications in to the Education Department for assistance in the pursuit of education. They are deluged so get yours in as early as you can. Remember that clothing grants start as early as three years old (for 3-year-old Head Start students). Of course, the clothing grants are a different department, the Child Advocacy Department, but all these items need applications. They are waiting for you!

Take care and don't overdo in the days ahead. Remember the reason for the Season!

Blessings to all of you.

Linda Briggs

Lots of smiling faces, good meals at senior nutrition sites



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To celebrate Thanksgiving for the elders, the Tribe hosted a Thanksgiving meal and all senior nutrition sites were in attendance. It was nice to see so many smiling faces and serve the elders. Besides a good meal, there was singing, door prizes and many of our senior sites had arts and crafts for sale. Our elders are very talented.

Recently, a group of Chickasaw citizens made a trip back to the homelands. The citizens were members of the Oklahoma City Community Council, Purcell Community Council

and a few were from Dallas and New Mexico. The sightseers spent time in Tupelo, Mississippi and made several stops along the way. LaDonna Brown, Production Specialist with the Multi-Media Department of the Chickasaw Nation acted as the tour guide. The group visited many historic sites and even placed Chickasaw history books in local libraries. Stay tuned for more information on the trip. The detailed story will be released at a later date. If a trip to the homelands sounds like something you would like to do contact the Tribe or members of the Oklahoma City/Purcell

Community Council for more information.

The Panola District Senior Nutrition Site has some exciting news arriving just in time for Christmas. One of our members received his Christmas present early. After waiting nearly a year, Mr. Yankee Jack, a citizen of Achille, Oklahoma received a new home. The citizens are planning to host a house warming party for Yankee and help him furnish his new home. Special thanks goes out to Katrinka and Larry Skinner, Carrie Miller and Curtis Bond and his team for all the hard work and prep that went into this project.

Once again, let me encourage you to check out the programs and services offered by the

Chickasaw Nation. Things are constantly changing and there just might be something for you or one of your family members. To learn more, contact the Chickasaw Nation at (580) 436-2603 or (580) 283-3409. Our Tribal operators are excellent at providing information,

Merry Christmas and may all be blessed this holiday season. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

"The People's Voice"

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A group of Chickasaw citizens during a tour of the homelands.



Yankee Jack, seated, tribal legislator Beth Alexander and Carrie Miller of the Choctaw Nation Modular Home Division.

New health facility to see increase in doctors, nurses



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee!

The ground breaking for the new hospital was held on November 9 with over 700 in attendance. I had really looked forward to being there; instead, I was in California to comfort my 87-year-old sister in the death of her daughter. While there, I received word that my brother's wife had passed away, so I had two family funerals in one week, my niece and sis-

ter-in-law. Therefore, I missed several community council meetings and other events. But I am thankful that I was able to tend to my family's needs.

I am so pleased that we can now begin construction on our new hospital. The new facility will see an increase in the number of doctors and nurses and many other services including an expanded family practice clinic, ob-gyn clinic, optometry, dental and behavioral health. Imaging services will be expanded with two CT scanners, an MRI unit and women's imaging services

with digital mammography, ultra sound and bone scan.

Bill Lance met with the Health Care Committee on November 5 and submitted the following statistics: for the month of October, 2007, there were 203 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 19,806. October Emergency Room visits were 972. October saw 214 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,801 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,004 patients in October. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,207 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,082. The Durant Clinic saw 2,421 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,887 in October.

In closing, I hope y'all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. For Christmas, I wish y'all much happiness and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. I wish for your New Year health, prosperity and love for your family and friends. Remember God from whom all blessings flow. Thank God for the free country we live in!

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

This season brings Chickasaw Nation much for which we can be thankful



**Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott**
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

existence long before the time of contact with European groups. We had communities and councils and officers. We decided for ourselves what was best for our people. There was – and is – much importance placed on caring for each other.

We have also maintained our long tradition of strong, dynamic families.

As the holiday season approaches, please accept my personal wish for your family's health and happiness throughout the entire year.

I extend a special greeting to all those families with sons and daughters serving in our U.S. military around the world. My own son is a military man. He has served in many of those far-flung outposts where your men and women are now.

May each and every Chickasaw family be blessed with the peace and happiness of the season.

A quick report on tribal education – we have funded a total of 7,645 students for the fall semester. That is truly fantastic! So many of our Chickasaw students now have the wonderful opportunity to gain the degrees that will take them where they want to go.

As is our tribe's tradition, we continue to emphasize education to our young Chickasaw students and show them the benefits of gaining advanced degrees. It is working. Every year, more Chickasaws than ever before are graduating from college and graduate school. They are building the solid foundation for our tribe's future!

We have so much for which we can be truly thankful.

We are citizens of the most progressive, forward-thinking tribe in the country. It is really difficult to imagine how far the Chickasaw Nation has come over the generations.

The Chickasaw people have faced Removal from their ancestral homelands, hardship on the road to the new lands, and great challenges in establishing new lives in undeveloped country.

As a government, the Chickasaw Nation has faced several periods of attempted elimination, forced assimilation and planned neglect.

Through all that, and so much more, we have not only survived, but prospered! Through the grace of God and the collective will of the Chickasaw people, we have accomplished breathtaking things.

The Chickasaw Nation was in

Now is the time to count our many blessings



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

we each can be thankful, I am really pleased and tickled to be a Chickasaw. What a wonderful time in our history it is. We are members of one of the most respected tribes in the United States. We are Chickasaw by no act of our own, but by rights of our birth. I am thankful.

For a small Christmas gift to you, I am taking pictures around the Chickasaw Nation this holiday season and making them available to you on my blog at www.goforthparker.com <<http://www.goforthparker.com>>. Check it out. They should be available by December 20, and you can open the present just as soon as you get on the site. There will also be other updates throughout the month. I am working hard to improve the site for you, and would welcome your comments.

Once again. Count your blessings this Christmas and New Years. I look forward to what God has in mind for 2008. It is going to be Great!!

God bless you and everyone.
Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Seasons Greetings. I am hoping and praying for you the most joyful, peace-filled Christmas and New Year as you have ever experienced. I know as a health care provider, that this time of the year is often plagued with sadness and depression. What I am thinking that we often forget to do is thank God for all that we have been benefited with. For one, I have to admit that I am just in love with Jesus and love celebrating His birthday. That is one thing that I am very thankful for.

Another blessing for which

Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.



November 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-003

Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day

Explanation: This resolution changes the Legislative Session for November, 2007, to November 15, 2007, at 9:00 AM at Ada, Oklahoma. Such change is necessary due to a conflict with the Oklahoma Centennial celebration on November 16, 2007, which has been declared a tribal holiday by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Presented By: Legislative Committee Steve Woods, Chairman

As Amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-004

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

Tribal Tract No. 27

Explanation: This resolution approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by R. D. Williams & Company, P. O. Box 516, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$1,914.17 per acre

for a total bonus of \$19,141.70, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$4,785.43, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to W1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 20.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: W 1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Land Development Committee Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-005

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

Tribal Tract No. 23 1/2

Explanation: This resolution

approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by R. D. Williams & Company, P. O. Box 516, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$1,914.17 per acre for a total bonus of \$9,570.85, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$2,392.71, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma

Presented by: Land Development Committee Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-006

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Child Development Center Phase II

Explanation: The Child Development Center Phase I Project will provide The Chickasaw Nation with a 25,000 sq. ft. facility to nurture and educate its most valuable asset, its children. An additional 2,000 sq. ft. of space and the detailed finishes that are planned will require additional funding.

The Chickasaw Nation continues its mission, to enhance the overall quality of life for the Chickasaw people, by providing the best possible environment for its pre-school age children. The additional space and state of the art finishes and details that are planned for this facility will raise its status to one of the finest in the country.

The corridors host a town theme complete with residences and business themes that would be found in a typical town. The themes are based on nursery

rhymes and stories that stimulate learning through texture, color, shapes and language. Some of the town entities include Jack-Sprat Toy Company, Three Blind Mice Bookstore and The Piggy Bank and Trust. Each theme has 3-dimensional elements that are supported by a mural.

The goal of the design team was to create a building that would be both fun and educational for the children attending.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Child Development Center Phase II, Project Number 20-0060-06 in the amount of \$1,246,192.00.

Presented by: Finance Committee Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

November 13, 2007

Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

November 5, 2007

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Linda Briggs

Absent: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman

Finance Committee

November 13, 2007

Present: Holly Easterling,

Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

November 5, 2007

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker

Land Development Committee

November 5, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Child care providers benefit from tribal conference

More than 140 child care providers attended the 4th Annual Chickasaw Nation Child Development conference November 2-3 at East Central University in Ada.

Michelle Key, Director of the tribal Child Development Center, said the goal of the conference was to inspire and train the attendees to be the best childcare providers possible.

"Our goal for the conference is to offer classes that will provide specialized training to build high morale and consistent professional growth for the providers," Key said. "The child care provider has the greatest amount of interaction and therefore, potentially the greatest impact on children in their care other than the parents. Early, nurturing relationships are one of the most

important factors in a child's development of a sense of self and of others"

This year's breakout sessions included instruction on social and emotional strategies, learning centers, transition time and cooking with kids

"Let's All Play Nice and Have a Good Time" focused on social and emotional strategies and was taught by John Funk, professor of Early Childhood Literacy at the University of Utah, and "What's My Parenting Style Got to Do with It," was taught by Lonnie Manuel, program therapist for the Chickasaw Nation's Strong Family initiative.

The cafeteria staff from the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center conducted a session on "Cooking with Children" and the Ada Fire Depart-

ment was on hand to instruct the providers on fire safety.

The instructors at the conference strive to give childcare providers a variety of choices and an opportunity to experience new and interesting topics as well as giving them information on the training required for licensing.

"Every time we come, we pick up on new things," said Peggy Van Treese, owner of Peggy's Day Care in Ada.

Each child care provider is required by law to receive a specific amount of training hours each year, and this conference and the classes count towards these hours.

The theme for this year's conference was "FIESTA! A Celebration of Children." Attendees were invited to dress according

to the fiesta theme and a fajita lunch was provided.

The keynote speaker was Brian Fox Ellis of Peoria, Illinois. He is a story teller who has toured the world as an educator and performer for over 25 years. Ellis uses song, myth and poetry to capture the beauty and importance of the human experience. During his presentation, he urged the childcare providers to

find their inner storyteller and taught them how to tell a story effectively.

For more information on future Child Development conferences, contact Gary Wear, Childcare Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation at (580) 436-0877.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.

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Tribal investments, net assets exhibit steady climb

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$7.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month and year-to-date were \$3.9 million. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$88.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled \$56 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$16 million for the month and year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program

operations the net income was \$6.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2007, the tribal

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the One Month Ended October 31, 2007

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets October 31, 2007

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

government funds had \$78 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$11.8 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$184 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of October 31, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$784 million with \$175 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$609 million compared to \$604 million at the end of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of \$5 million from September 30, 2007, the end of fiscal year 2007.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	181,867	56,330,313	56,512,180
	7,347,675	(7,347,675)	-
	7,529,542	48,982,638	56,512,180

	603,928		603,928
	119,672		119,672
	49,029		49,029
	419,285		419,285
	224,665		224,665
	650,607		650,607
	967,682		967,682
	168,684		168,684
	335,793		335,793
	404,222		404,222
	-		-
		32,332,225	32,332,225
		9,960,334	9,960,334
	3,943,567	42,292,559	46,236,126
	3,585,975	6,690,079	10,276,055
	242,825,110	356,307,181	599,132,291
\$	246,411,085	362,997,260	609,408,345

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	78,299,672	184,563,514	262,863,186
	718,026	22,218,510	22,936,536
		4,441,488	4,441,488
		8,407,295	8,407,295
		21,353,916	21,353,916
	167,953,253	296,908,047	464,861,300
	(559,865)	(174,895,510)	(175,455,375)
\$	246,411,085	362,997,260	609,408,345

Chickasaw mother named national 'Parent of the Year'



Angie Carney accepts her "Parent of the Year" award during the National Indian Education Association annual convention in Honolulu.

Angie Carney, Ardmore, Okla., was recently named the National Indian Education Association's Parent of the Year. She was honored October 28 in a ceremony at the 38th Annual NIEA Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I was extremely honored to receive the Parent of the Year award for Oklahoma's Council of Indian Education, but when I received the award nationally, I was thrilled," Mrs. Carney, a Chickasaw, said.

Mrs. Carney serves as a coordinator for the Ardmore area Chickasaw Dance Troupe, and serves as a parent booster for the Chickasaw Nation Youth Choir. She is also the secretary on the parent committee for the Johnson-O'Malley program at Ardmore Public Schools, where she works at the concession

stand during school athletic events in order to raise funds.

Additionally, she serves as chair for the Title VII parent committee. Among her other volunteer efforts, Mrs. Carney also works with the Dream Catchers, the Native American club at Ardmore High School. She helps coordinate the club's effort to raise money to go on trips and to cultural meetings.

As a parent and volunteer for various Chickasaw and Native American organizations, Mrs. Carney places a great deal of emphasis on culture.

"I tell these kids that by learning the culture of the Chickasaw Nation, like stomp dancing, that they are going to be so well rounded, and could even end up famous one day!"

Jay Mule, education specialist

for the Chickasaw Nation, works closely with Mrs. Carney and believes she is extremely deserving of this title,

"She is a parent, to not only her own but to all children within the Ardmore community," he said. "Angie's active support within the community exemplifies the type of parenting that is needed to ensure the success and survival of the Indian home."

Mrs. Carney's next goal for the Ardmore-area Chickasaw youth is to arrange some sort of language class targeted specifically at younger adults.

Mrs. Carney is a budget analyst for the Chickasaw Nation. She has three children, Adrian, 22; Amanda, 13; and Maegan, 8.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.

Sharing information, enjoying time together

Citizens, officials gather for community dinner in Duncan



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw citizen Novaline Fox at the Duncan Community Dinner on November 5.

DUNCAN, Okla. - More than 150 citizens and guests gathered November 5 at the Simmons Center in Duncan for the Chickasaw Nation Community Dinner.

Governor Bill Anoatubby addressed the group as attendees enjoyed a delicious catered meal served by Chickasaw Nation administrators and directors.

Governor Anoatubby shared information and updates about tribal projects including a new Duncan Senior Nutrition Center that is nearing completion.

"We believe these community

dinners are a great way to get out and hear directly from the citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It also provides an opportunity for the citizens to hear from us, first hand, about projects and programs going on in their

area."

Bill Lance, tribal Health Services Division administrator, also updated citizens on highlights and features of the new tribal health care facility currently under construction. He also spoke about current health programs and services available to citizens.

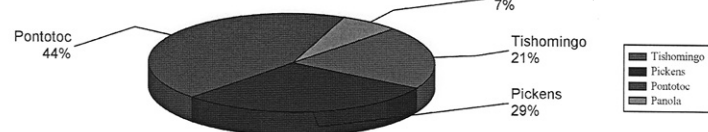
Participants were also able to get program information and speak with staff representatives from several tribal divisions and departments including Education, Health, Housing, Aging, Citizenship, Voter Registration, Youth and Family, Landscaping, Lighthorse Police and many others.

Lona Barrick, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator, served as emcee for the evening. Jay Keel, Division of Youth and Family Services administrator, delivered the invocation.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,561	Panola	1,467
Pickens	6,451	Pontotoc	9,625
Total		Panola	22,104



Duncan resident Marion Whitfield visits with Terry Davis, of the tribal Division of Housing, during the Duncan Community Dinner.



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Chickasaw Citizen

Mother-to-daughter transplant

Gift of kidney provides renewed health, hope, freedom



Melissa Morgan, left, holding her son Garrett. A right is Mrs. Morgan's mother, Vicky Gold.

A Chickasaw mother recently demonstrated the act of selfless love by giving the gift of a better life to her first born child.

When Vicky Gold, of Ada, discovered her eldest daughter Melissa Morgan, 27, would need a new kidney, the answer was simple - she would be the donor.

Always an active teenager, Melissa began to feel fatigued when she was a 17-year-old junior at Latta High School.

The family chalked it up to Melissa's hectic schedule.

A few years later when Melissa was a sophomore member of the East Central University women's basketball team, her health began once again to decline.

At that point, Dr. Abdul Kahn, a nephrologist at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, ordered a kidney biopsy.

The October 2000 biopsy revealed Melissa was suffering from focal segmental glomerular sclerosis, a progressive kidney disease. She would, he said, need a kidney transplant within six to 10 years.

Focal segmental glomerulo sclerosis is a disease that occurs when scar tissue forms in some of the kidney's glomeruli, the structures in the kidney that filter harmful substances out of the body.

"When they first told her in 2000 she would need a transfer within 10 years, I told her not to worry about it, I would do it, Mrs. Gold said.

"She has a brother and sister,

but I told them that she might need them in the future."

In September 2006, Melissa's kidney function dropped below 20 percent, the benchmark to be placed on the transplant list.

"The doctor said it was time to get serious," Mrs. Gold said.

Melissa went through orientation at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City to learn about the transplant process. The next week, her kidney function rebounded to 21 percent and hovered there for two months, and then plunged to 18 percent.

At the point the doctor said, "It's time."

Seven months prior to the transplant, Melissa began kidney dialysis treatments. She endured

dialysis three times a week for more than four hours at a time. Mrs. Gold wanted nothing more than to see her child free of the dialysis machine.

Melissa was officially placed on the national transplant list in May 2007, and Mrs. Gold set out on a mission to improve her health so she was not passed over as a donor.

For Mrs. Gold, the decision did not require a second thought.

"You don't think about it, you just do it when it's your child."

To clinch the donation, Mrs. Gold began exercising and improved her diet. She, Melissa and younger daughter Rachael began meeting at lunch to walk and attended some Get Fresh! cooking classes offered by the tribe.

The healthy choices Mrs. Gold made led to the loss of a few extra pounds, which was her goal.

"I knew I was healthy, but I didn't want them to see I was overweight and eliminate me as a candidate," she said.

After several weeks of evaluation and testing, Mrs. Gold was approved to be Melissa's donor.

The transplant took place on September 10, 2007 at Integris Baptist Hospital.

The mother-daughter team was not nervous.

"We were ready," Mrs. Gold said.

Mrs. Gold's surgery took six

hours; Melissa's took three and one-half hours.

Melissa was up walking around soon after her surgery was complete.

"As soon as they hooked it (her mother's kidney) up, it started working," Melissa said. "I felt better the day after the surgery."

Despite her health problems, Melissa worked at the tribe's Head Start facility, took care of her three-year-old son, Garrett, and the home she shares with her husband, Scott.

"I look back now and wonder how I made it through the day," Melissa said.

She has spent the past several weeks recuperating.

"Actually, I am doing more than before the surgery because I feel better."

Garrett knows his mommy feels better because of his grandmother's gift. Now, his mom can run and play with him.

Every two weeks Melissa is monitored, and to date she has received a clean bill of health.

Mrs. Gold said that throughout the process, the Chickasaw Nation Health System had been

a wonderful blessing.

The tribal Medical Assistance Program Service (MAPS) program covered the medicine that was not in-stock at Carl Albert pharmacy. Every physician who worked with the family was caring and treated Melissa with respect and compassion.

Mrs. Gold, who has worked as the office manager of the *Chickasaw Times* for about seven years, was able to share her family's story at the State of the Nation address during the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting. She spoke to fellow Chickasaws less than a month after the transplant.

"We feel especially blessed to be citizens of the Chickasaw Nation," Mrs. Gold said. "We thank everyone for their prayers and we thank the Lord for Melissa's transplant being such a tremendous success."

When asked if she would do it again, Mrs. Gold said she would - without a second thought.

"It's just wonderful to get her out of dialysis."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

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Garrett Morgan

Christopher Garrett Morgan will turn three-years-old Dec. 12, 2007. He will celebrate with a "Spider Man" birthday party at his home with family and friends Dec. 9.

Garrett is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan, Roff, Okla.

He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Ada, Okla., Shelby and Gayle Morgan, Roff, and Buddy Tartsah, Ada. He is the great-grandson of Leonard and Marie Morgan, Roff.

Garrett is the nephew of Rachael and Derek Collins, Olive, Okla., Marcus Tartsah, Ada, and Stacy and Danny Cates, Kansas City, Mo.

Happy Birthday Big Boy!

Benjamin Lee Gold celebrated his sixth birthday Nov. 30, 2007.

Ben is a kindergarten student at Cottonwood (OK) Elementary School.

He is the son of Billy Jack Gold and Starla Gold, Coalgate, Okla.

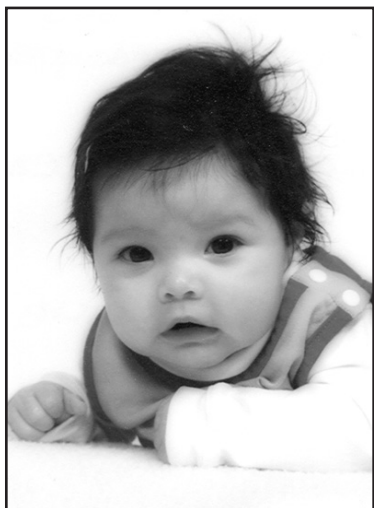
Ben is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Ada, Okla., Harold and Gwenda DePasse, Coalgate, and Donna and John Linton, Claremore, Okla.

Happy Birthday Speedy!



Ben Gold

Births



Angelina Velasques-Reyes

Angelina Velasques-Reyes was born May 18, 2007 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Santa Clara, Calif. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Angelina is the daughter of Ali-sha Reyes and Luis Velasques, of San Jose, Calif.

She is the granddaughter of Dee Dee Perry and Steven Reyes, of San Jose.

She is the great-granddaughter of James and Patsy (Cooper) Perry, of Ada, Okla., formerly of San Jose. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Ruby McKinney, Ada, and the great-great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Caroline Milligan.



Daniel Licea

Daniel Cole Licea celebrated his first birthday Oct. 16, 2007.

He is the son of Joce Licea and Karri Fisher of Stonewall, Okla.

He is the grandson of Karla Windy Boy, Stonewall, Donny and Mary Fisher of Midwest City, Okla., Delfino and Lyta Licea, of Rockwall, Texas.

He is the great-great-grandson of Viola Myrtle Moore, a Chickasaw original enrollee.

Daniel has five aunts, two uncles and many cousins.

Happy birthday Daniel!

We love you!

Love, Mama and Daddy



Violet Harrill

Centennarian honored with party



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel present Onie White a Chickasaw afghan to commemorate her 100th birthday.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel present Onie White a Chickasaw afghan to commemorate her 100th birthday. Mrs. White turned 100 on Nov. 4, 2007. A Choctaw who lives in Pauls Valley, Okla., Mrs. White was honored with a birthday party Friday, Nov. 2 at the Chickasaw Nation Senior

Site in Pauls Valley. About 50 attended the event.

Mrs. White was born in Redden, I.T., in 1907. She is the mother of one son and three daughters and has 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. *Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.*

Knapp admitted to OU College of Medicine



Kolin Knapp and Dr. Teresa Shavney

Kolin Mark Knapp has recently been admitted to the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

He is the son of Richard Mark Knapp and Dr. Teresa Marie Shavney. He is the grandson of Beulah Marie Shavney and the great-grandson of original enrollee Sylvia Gibson Pope.

Following graduation from Casady School in Oklahoma City, Mr. Knapp attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio where he graduated with a major in economics and a minor

in chemistry. He played wide receiver for the Big Red football team, served as president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and was a member of the student judicial court.

He was a recipient of Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS.) He has devoted many service hours to the Big Brothers – Big Sisters Organization, and the Peru Mission at his church, Christ the King in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Knapp plans on becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

Violet (Hays) Harrill celebrated her 90th birthday on November 14, 2007 at her home in Burneyville with several family members.

Mrs. Harrill received a gorgeous bouquet of red roses and lillies from Governor Bill Anoatubby and tribal legislature chairwoman Linda Briggs of the Chickasaw Nation.

On Saturday, November 17, she and 75 guests spent an afternoon of celebration with birthday cake and punch plus a photo story presentation created by Robbye Riley and edited by Kyle Thompson. The video was viewed and enjoyed by all.

A special guest representative, Terry Hyman, honored Mrs. Harrill with a citation of congratulations from the State of Oklahoma signed by he and Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield.

Violet is the daughter of Thomas Wesley Hays, an original enrollee of the Great Chickasaw Nation.

She has four children, Arlene Nail, of Lone Grove, Randy Harrill, of Addison, Texas, and Peggy Gipson and Tanya Teafatiller, both of Burneyville.



Pogue appointed Operations Support director for tribal Information Technology Department



Misty Pogue

Misty Pogue has been appointed Director of Operations Support in the Information Technology (IT) Department of the Chickasaw Nation.

In her new position, Mrs. Pogue will oversee all technical support operations for the

Chickasaw Nation, including the Service Desk, desk-side support technicians and the Financial Applications team.

Information Technology is a department within the Chickasaw Nation's Division of Administrative Services.

Mrs. Pogue, a Chickasaw, started working with the tribe as a summer youth worker in 2000. While working for the summer youth program, she had the opportunity to participate in a summer internship program in Washington, D.C.

She credits much of her personal and professional success to the Chickasaw Nation.

"During college the tribe helped support me with scholarships," she said. "All I had to do was keep my grades up."

In 2004, she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Admin-

istration with a concentration in Management Information Systems (MIS) from the University of Oklahoma.

Soon after college graduation, she began her professional career in the tribe's IT Division, starting as a reporting analyst and eventually being named as senior program developer.

"I enjoy my work, and I love my job," she said.

In her free time, she enjoys coaching her nieces' t-ball team, spending time with her family and watching OU football.

She lives in Ada with her husband Bryan, and their daughters Rhyann, four, and five-month-old Skylar. Her parents are Doyle and Marilyn Morgan, also of Ada.

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Ross, Morgan wed in Ada ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morgan

Jimmy Morgan and Rebekah Ross, both of Roff, Okla., exchanged wedding vows November 24, 2007 at Victory Life Fellowship in Ada, Okla. Officiating the ceremony was Carl Hayes.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Patricia Buchanan, Stratford, Okla. She is the granddaughter of John Buchanan, Fort Myers, Fla., and the late Frances Buchanan and Curtis and Ann Ross, of Ada.

Mrs. Morgan received

a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from East Central University in 2006. She is a 2002 graduate of Byng (OK) High School.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jim and Pat Morgan, of Roff. Grandparents are Orval and Alice Bruster, and Tony Morgan, all of Roff, and the late Maudell Morgan. Mr. Morgan is a 2002 graduate of Roff High School and attended Murray State College. He is currently a self employed rancher and welder.

Chickasaw student completes degree requirements



Delisa Killian Blue

Congratulations Delisa Ann for your great job that you have done completing your diploma. Delisa Ann Killian Blue graduated in Mesquite, Texas on October 12, 2007, she ranked 99% for U.S. in Language, Arts, Reading and 79% in Science.

She is the daughter of Juanita McGaugh Nafus and the granddaughter of Mary Jane Ward McGaugh and Jack Lewis McGaugh.

She is an outstanding person and should be commended for all her hard effort.

She is a mother of two beautiful girls, Haylee and Chandler.

We love you and are so proud of you!

She plans to attend Eastfield College in Dallas, Texas.

We love you! Your Mom, Chris, Jaelyn, Haylee and Chandler.



Quirk, Rankin exchange vows in McLoud

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leslie of Newalla, Okla., announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Shannon April Quirk, to Steven Eugene Rankin.

The ceremony was October 31 in McLoud, Okla. It was attended by many friends and family.

Mrs. Rankin was given in marriage by her father, Darrell Quirk Sr., of Pink, Okla. Mr. Rankin is the son of the late Earnest Rankin and Karen Rankin, of Shawnee, Okla.

Ring bearer and flower girl

were brother and sister of the bride, Mason and Megan Quirk.

Rev. Amber Rankin, sister of the bride, officiated the ceremony.

emony.

Shannon is 1/8 Chickasaw, the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Nannie Wade Leslie and William E. Leslie.

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Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding

tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

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Chickasaw earns master's



Te'Ata Purcell

Te'Ata Gentle Springs (Loper) Purcell graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in May 2007 earning a master's degree in Family and Child Studies. She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in substance abuse from UCO in 2001.

Te'Ata previously served as the Director of Indian Child Welfare for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma for over five years and is now the Family and Child Advocate at the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Cen-

ter. Te'Ata has provided direct services to many Native American families and children with issues of domestic violence, poverty, legal advocacy, housing, neglect, child abuse, and substance abuse.

Te'Ata is a board member for the Secretary of the Oklahoma Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association and serves as the Secretary of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association, Inc. She is a tribal citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and was raised in Tishomingo, Okla., prior to moving to Oklahoma City to pursue her education. She now resides in Mustang with her husband, Ken, and two daughters, Steavie Clair, 4, and MaCayla, 7.

She enjoys scrap booking, a love for children, and spending time with her family at her home place, Cheadle's Crossing on Blue River.

Te'Ata is the daughter of Michael Loper, Karen Carroll and Dewayne Carroll. She is the granddaughter of the late Clarice Gregory and Doyle Loper, and Caroline Krebs. She is the great-great granddaughter of Martin Van Buren Cheadle.

Chickasaw student 'TERRIFIC Kid'



Ryan Hadon Kelly, 7, was recently awarded the Kiwanis TERRIFIC Kids designation at Washington Elementary School in Norman, Okla. "TERRIFIC" stands for thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive and capable.

It's that time of year again!

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The 2008 guides will be available soon.



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World War II vets honored



The veterans of World War II were honored at the Chickasaw Senior Site on Veterans Day. Veterans included, from left, Roger Gardner, Bob Foraker, John Holt, Cecil Henderson, Charles Vann, Bob Nichols, Jack Loyd, and Gene Sweetman. Not pictured are Mary Lou Nichols and R.C. Coyle.

Taxidermist creates special presentations



Chief Willis displays a variety of his awards and his award-winning work.

Chief Willis, is taking taxidermy to the next level in Kingston, Okla. Willis has won numerous awards in both Oklahoma and Texas.

"I just think it is amazing that I can go compete with the best of the best in these states and come out on top," Willis said.

This June, Willis, a Chickasaw, took first place in the professional division at the meeting hosted by the Texas Taxidermy Association in Kerrville, Texas. Later that month, he went on to take the same title in the Oklahoma Taxidermy Association's annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Among his entries were a bass, a boar and a deer. Willis not only goes to great lengths to create the most life-like mountings possible, he also takes great

consideration with the artistry of the process.

"I spend up to two or three times the amount of time that other taxidermists spend on the details," he said.

Willis recalls looking at taxidermy as a young child.

"I thought 'if I could ever learn to do that, I will'."

Later, he took the opportunity to take taxidermy night classes at Murray State College in Tishomingo. Now he has been practicing taxidermy for over 22 years.

Willis has earned his certification from the Oklahoma Taxidermy Association and serves on the association's board of directors. The certification is obtained by earning an accumulation of points. In taxidermy terms, it is the equivalent of earning a master's degree. Willis completed this certification in three years, a feat that regularly takes much longer.

He displays the same passion for the art everyday while running his business.

"Good enough doesn't float in my shop," Willis said. "In fact, I despise the term 'good enough'."

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Amellia "Amie" Ellis

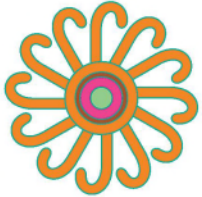
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Head Start, Child Care enjoy Thanksgiving luncheons

The tribe's Child Care and Head Start departments celebrated Thanksgiving by hosting traditional Thanksgiving luncheons for the children and families. The Head Start luncheon was Thursday, November 15 and the Child Care luncheon was Tuesday, November 20.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby and family enjoy the Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 20 at the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Center in Ada.



Head Start students Ariel Snodgrass, Katherine Cozad and Josh Cox enjoy the traditional meal provided during the Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon on November 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Gym in Ada.



Sebena Burris attends the Head Start Thanksgiving luncheon with great-grandson Dominic Luna on Thursday, November 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Gym in Ada.



Child Care teacher Kristin Wilcox assists student Kaitlyn Davis at the Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 20 at the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Center in Ada.

280 attend annual Elders Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar



Participants at the Elders Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar entertain the guest with Choctaw Hymns.



Chickasaw Honor Guard member Bill Quincy at the Elders Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar.

Madill, and fundraising craft booths were set up for browsing.

"This dinner gives the elders something to look forward to," Linda Landgraf, tribal Division of Aging activities coordinator said. "They seem to really enjoy both the food and the fellowship."

An invocation was offered in both English and Chickasaw by Pauline Brown. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard presented the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby expressed thankfulness for the citizens and employees of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as for all of the progress made by the tribe this year.

Following the Governor's address, Thanksgiving dinner was served by workers from several senior sites. Elders played games and vied for door prizes.

"We really try to make this a fun get together for the elders, Landgraf said. "We just love to show them how much they are appreciated."

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The Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging hosted the annual Elders Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Agriplex in Ada. Over 280 elders were in attendance.

"This is my sixth year to come and I really enjoy getting to know the seniors from the other sites," Marci Jones, of Madill, said.

Refreshments were served as the elders arrived from Chickasaw Nation senior sites including Pauls Valley, Sulphur and



Seniors enjoy 'ghoulish good times' at Halloween party



Purcell Senior Site member Floyd Parnacher disguises himself well at the Senior Halloween Party in October.



Lou Carlton, from the Pauls Valley Senior Site, was the "scariest costume" winner at the Senior Halloween Party.



Pauls Valley Senior Site member Gilbert Morris, posing with his wife Myra, was named winner of the "best over-all costume" at the Senior Halloween Party.



Virginia Sullivan, from the Purcell Senior Site, and her feline friend take part in the festivities at the Senior Halloween Party.



Oompa Loompa Rose Jefferson and friend Pauline Walker, both from the Ada Senior Site, enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Senior Halloween Party in Tishomingo.

Tribe supports Sulphur library project



Earth was turned recently on an expansion project for the Mary E. Parker Memorial Library, Sulphur, Okla. A challenge grant from the Chickasaw Nation initiated the project a few years ago and to date \$428,662 has been raised by the community. The expansion will almost double the size of the 30-year-old library, and house a children's area and a computer station. Commemorating the event are, from left, contractor Larry Sloan of RFD Construction, architect Bobbi McDonald, Sulphur City councilors Jeff Flowers and Tracey Garcia, former councilor Darryl Carter, mayor Mitch Hull, Oklahoma Department of Libraries Director Susan McVey, Chickasaw Regional Library System director Lynn McIntosh, library trustee Karen Hilliard, Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice and library trustee Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, State Rep. Wes Hilliard, library trustee Bob Willis, library manager Mary McLemore, former trustee Jo Crone, trustee Janice Price, Sulphur city manager Bill Holley and Murray County Commissioner Bill F. Lance.



200 children enjoy 'trick or treat'

Head Start and Child Care children gather for Halloween

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation hosted a "Trick or Treat" event for children enrolled in the Head Start and Child Care programs on Wednesday, October 31, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym in Ada.

Approximately 200 children six weeks to six years of age enjoyed bags of candy, while music and games were also provided by Chickasaw Nation departments and employees. Children dressed as ghosts, goblins, princesses and more, with the most popular costume being Spiderman.

Dressed as a Ninja, four-year-old A.J. Colley was excited to receive so much candy.

"This is a lot of fun," said Colley. "I am going to eat all this candy!"

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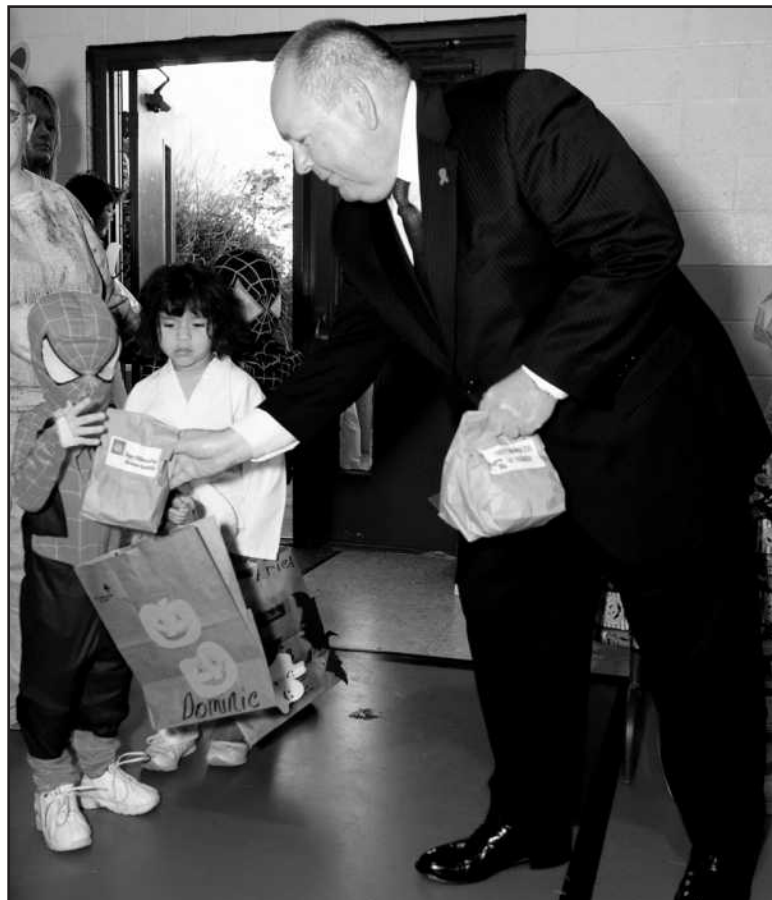
Michele Davis and daughter Maycee join in the fun at the Chickasaw Nation Child Care and Head Start "Trick or Treat" event Wednesday, October 31 in Ada.



Dressed as a clown, Sulphur Chickasaw Nation Head Start teacher Crystal Lewis poses behind a group of students at the Chickasaw Nation "Trick of Treat" event on Wednesday, October 31 in Ada. Back row, from left, Payton McClure, Charlie Rogers, Dylan Lotton and Ashlyn Guinn. Front row, from left, Karleigh Flickin and Joan Castorena.



Three-year-old Gus Wade, son of Shana and Richard Wade and Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Head Start student, enjoys his bag of candy at the Chickasaw Nation "Trick or Treat" event on October 31 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym in Ada.



Governor Bill Anoatubby hands out candy to Child Care and Head Start students at the Chickasaw Nation "Trick or Treat" event Wednesday, October 31 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym in Ada.

Walker co-chairs giving event

The Association of Fundraising Professionals, Oklahoma Chapter, hosted its National Philanthropy Day (NPD) on Friday, October 19 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

One of the co-chairs for the event was Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation. NPD is a day set aside by various chapters throughout the United States to recognize and pay tribute to people in the community who have made an impact in philanthropy.

The morning speaker for the event was renowned author and

president of Board Builders, Carol Weisman. The luncheon speaker was Blake Wade, executive director of the Oklahoma Centennial Commission.

AFP Oklahoma unveiled a new philanthropy book entitled "Giving Back - A Century of Giving in Oklahoma" by Bob Burke. A copy of the order form for this book can be found on the website www.afpoklahoma.org.

Think of giving not only as a duty, but as a privilege.

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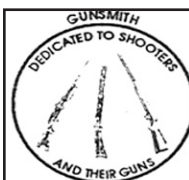
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Chickasaw physician leading native cancer project

A Chickasaw physician is leading the way in efforts to stop colorectal cancer in Native Americans.

Dr. David Perdue, M.S.P.H., a gastroenterologist at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center, spearheaded discussions during a September gathering of Minnesota tribal leaders and health care professionals on ways to thwart the high numbers of colorectal cancer cases in American Indians. Tribal leaders and physicians were joined by cancer survivors and community members. The group met for two days to examine the high incidence of colorectal cancer among Indians and ways to collaborate to begin tackling the problem.

The meeting concluded with the group developing a set of objectives, Dr. Perdue said, with one of the top priorities being education of children about the disease. More accurate tracking of the disease in Native Americans is also a priority. Currently, Indian cancer rates are about 60 percent higher

than those of non-Indians. The death rate continues to increase because a colorectal cancer diagnosis often occurs when the cancer has significantly progressed, according to the Minnesota Cancer Surveillance System.

"These communities face unique barriers to colorectal cancer screening, and have a higher prevalence of colorectal cancer risk factors," Dr. Perdue said. One way to combat the high mortality rate is early detection. Dr. Perdue is heading a drive to establish a mobile colonoscopy lab which will serve Native Americans primarily living on reservations in Minnesota. "One of the major reasons (for the mobile lab) has been my discussions with tribal health directors, Indian Health Services, with elders and cancer survivors," Dr. Perdue said. "These ideas have really come from working with the communities." A grant from IHS is funding the study of creating and maintaining a mobile lab. Grants, IHS, and philanthropy are being



Chickasaw physician, Dr. David Perdue, M.S.P.H., is leading the fight to combat the high rates of colorectal cancer in Native Americans. Dr. Perdue, an assistant professor of gastroenterology at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center, also serves as co-chairman of the Minnesota Colorectal Cancer Task Force and the Minnesota Intertribal Colorectal Cancer Council.

discussed as options for permanent funding for the mobile lab. The mobile lab would be a modified semi trailer housing a waiting room, screening room, bathroom and laboratory. The lab is proposed to target Native Americans living on reservations, a group

typically underserved and at a higher risk of developing cancer. People who live on reservations, Dr. Perdue said, sometimes face drives of more than 200 miles to undergo a colonoscopy. Since sedation is used, a driver or other form of transportation must be found.

The mobile lab, Dr. Perdue said, would eliminate this obstacle.

Other action steps include developing strategies to combine colorectal cancer awareness with a diabetes awareness campaign, since diabetics have an even higher incidence of colorectal cancer.

Dr. Perdue said he also hoped to find ways to collaborate with the Chickasaw Nation to develop educational programs and services for all Native Americans. "I would like to reconnect with the Chickasaw Nation," he said, adding he would like to build bridges with the tribe and discover what needs exist within the Chickasaw Nation. Dr. Perdue was delighted to hear the news of the new tribal hospital groundbreaking, which took place Friday, Nov. 9. One of his last trips to the tribal headquarters in Ada was about 10 years ago when he was conducting research for his master's thesis.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Connection to Chickasaw heritage important to doctor's career

Dr. Perdue was raised in Spokane, Washington. As he was growing up, he developed an interest in medicine. He was not raised in a traditional Native American setting, but he was well informed about his Indian roots and returned to the Ada area every summer during his youth to visit his paternal grandparents. He learned much about Chickasaw heritage and culture during these trips. His late great-grandmother, Nora Stanton, was an original enrollee and a pianist at her church for many years. His grandmother, Lottie Perdue, attended boarding school. His father, William D. Perdue, Ph.D., also made sure his son was acquainted with his Chickasaw background. "He always made sure we understood our heritage," he said.

Dr. Perdue is now working to instill those same values and culture in his own children. He and his wife, Nina, who is also a physician, have four children, Calvin, nine; Garrett, four; Brycen, two; and Caroline, two months. "I feel it is my duty as a parent

to help my children understand their heritage," he said. He says his boys enjoy Native stories with fable endings.

He can also share his story of determination and hard work with his children. During his freshman year at Washington State University, Dr. Perdue decided to pursue a career in medicine. However, upon graduation he took a job as a pharmaceutical sales representative due to lackluster grades in two key courses, plus a large college debt. While working in his new position, the physicians with whom he came in contact inspired him to get back on the track to study medicine. He repeated several courses and began studying for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) exam. While making preparations to apply for medical school, he also decided to pursue a master's degree in public health in case he was not accepted to medical school. He was accepted into the master's of public health program at the University of Colorado.

While earning his degree, he worked with researchers studying diabetes. He became interested in academic medicine. He took an MCAT preparation course and "studied six hours a day for three months." Ten days after defending his master's thesis, he was accepted to the University of Washington School of Medicine. He decided to pursue the Indian Health pathway track at UW, where he studied Indian health and participated in rotations with a traditional healer. He also served as a summer extern at the Seattle Health Board and had an externship with the Centers for Disease Control's Arctic Investigation Program in Anchorage, Alaska. During medical school and residency, Dr. Perdue was exposed to the clinical challenges associated with adult gastroenterology. He also liked the idea of spreading his time among clinics, procedures and developing programs to meet colon cancer head on in Indian Country. His acceptance into the gastroenterology training

program at the University of Minnesota made this possible. He now serves as an assistant professor of gastroenterology and is co-chairman of the Minnesota Colorectal Cancer Task Force and the Minnesota Intertribal Colorectal Cancer Council, a group of 23 representatives from Minnesota tribes, urban Indian communities, and state health and medical organizations, formed last year by the Colorectal Cancer Screening Task Force

Traditions of Western, traditional healers have potential together

Dr. Perdue is a professional in a highly specialized field. Nevertheless, he has considerable respect for traditional Indian healing.

During medical school, Dr. Perdue traveled around Washington with a tribal elder, who is a traditional healer. Since that time, he has had many discussions with tribal elders and traditional healers.

"It is a very common suggestion of elders that Western doctors need to work together, but more dialogue is needed," Dr. Perdue said. "It is important to keep in mind that both types of healers' work has the same cause: to keep patients and com-

munities healthy."

Dr. Perdue said cancer was a growing concern among tribal elders. Through the Minnesota Intertribal Colorectal Cancer Council, traditional healers and elders are sharing ideas about ways to get people to adopt healthier habits and ways to get people interested in colorectal cancer prevention. Dr. Perdue said getting back to a more traditional way of life, including a more traditional diet and more exercise, are ways to curb the incidents of colorectal cancer in the Native population.

"I have to remind people that fry bread is not a traditional food," he joked.



Chickasaw artists selected for national art show



Chickasaw artist Courtney Parchcorn with her beaded cane at the Native American Rights Fund art show. The show was Nov. 10 in Boulder, Colorado.

Two young Chickasaw artists traveled to Colorado last month to be a part of a prestigious Native American art show.

Courtney Parchcorn's beaded cane and Natasha Wagner's painting were selected for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) art show "Modern Day Warriors: Empowering the Young Voices of Native Americans." The art show was conducted Saturday, Nov. 10 in Boulder, Colorado. Both up-and-coming artists received national exposure by participating in the exhibition.

Courtney created the beaded cane, entitled "For All The Grandfathers" in honor of her maternal grandfather, Franklin D. "R. L." Allen, a full-blood Chickasaw.

She started the bead work on the wooden cane earlier this year, and intended to give it to him when it was completed. He suffered from diabetes and Courtney thought he would be able to use the cane.

"He knew I was working on it but he didn't know I was going to give it to him," Courtney

said.

The 17-year-old was in the midst of beading three eagles on the cane last May when her mother called and told her "Pa-Pa" had died.

Her grandfather, who died at 77, never saw the cane.

In the midst of her grief, she continued the tedious bead work and finished the cane in time for the June Red Earth competition.

Crystal Echo Hawk, NARF's assistant development director, said Courtney has a remarkably high level of artistry, and the piece and its story, resonated with the art show jury members.

"It's a remarkable piece by a remarkable young artist," she said. "The Chickasaw Nation can be proud of her."

The show was described as a "dynamic exhibition of visual art by young Native artists," that celebrates the voices, visions and perspectives of today's and tomorrow's modern day warriors for Native American rights and the traditional and contemporary life ways of native peoples.

Echo Hawk said the 30 artists featured at the event will be the ones to watch in the Indian art world.

"These artists are helping to create a platform to carry on a cultural tradition."

Over 100 pieces of art were submitted for consideration. The works were reviewed by a national jury comprised of artists and non-profit, business, media, publishing and marketing professionals, who chose a total of 50 works of art, including Courtney's and Natasha's.

Thirty-nine artists representing 34 different American Indian tribes from across the country participated in this year's competition.

The works of art selected for the show will also appear in Volume II of NARF's art book, which will be published and released nationally in 2008.

All artwork was available for sale at the NARF Modern Day Warrior Art Show, with a portion of the profits from the event going to support the non-profit legal and advocacy work of NARF on behalf of the rights of Native Americans.

Founded in 1970, NARF is the oldest and largest nonprofit law firm dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide.

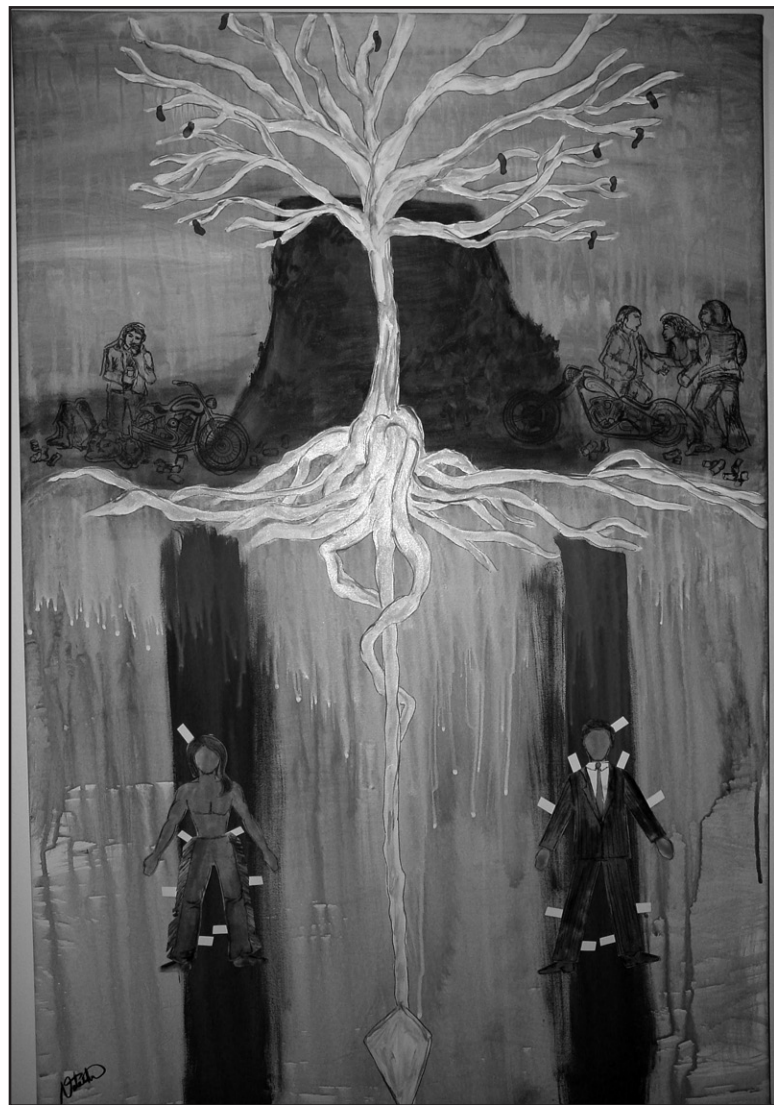
"That's the only way Courtney will part with the cane," said her mother, Fran. "She sees the greater good."

Courtney echoed her mother's thoughts, saying many native citizens can be helped through her donation.

If her cane sells, she also plans to give another donation to the school supply fund for the South Dakota Pine Reservation children. The cane earned Courtney her second consecutive "Best in Show" at the Red Earth Youth Arts Competition, and she recently donated a third of the prize money to help the students.

She was excited about making the trip to Colorado; it was the first time she traveled by air, and it was the farthest she has ever been from Ada.

Courtney stays busy with tribal activities including Pontotoc District Youth Council and Chickasaw Children's Choir.



Natasha Wagner's acrylic painting "Bear Butte, A Future Bar?" was part of the second annual Native American Rights Fund youth art show.

She also participates in the After School Arts Program each year. In fact, one of her art teachers will accompany her to the event.

She said she hopes to be a good example for others, especially younger Chickasaws.

"I want to send a positive message about my tribal affiliation," she said.

Courtney and her father, Buddy, designed the cane to portray all the life lessons learned from grandfathers. Buddy taught his only child to bead and its an activity the two do together.

"She makes me a better as an artist, she motivates me to set the bar higher," he said.

Buddy said his daughter learns about her culture through her art work, and since her blood line includes four tribes - Chickasaw, Kiowa, Cherokee and Creek - she has many native traditions to learn.

"We hope she does not forget the people in the past," said her

father.

The cane and painting are two of 50 works of art created by artists from 15 to 35 years old that was selected to be showcased at the event.

At 17, Courtney is one of the youngest artists who will be exhibiting work in the show. She lives in Ada with her parents Buddy and Fran and is a senior at Byng High School.

Courtney also recently won her division at the SESAM (South-eastern Art Show and Market), sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation at the annual festival.

"Good things happen to her because she has a good heart," said her father, Buddy.

After high school graduation, Courtney would like attend the Institute of American Indian Arts, in Santa Fe, N.M., but she is keeping her college options

See National Art Show, page 26

Chickasaw Foundation 'Friends of the Foundation' feted

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its annual Friends of the Foundation reception and art auction on November 15 at the new Chickasaw Nation Community Center. The program

started with a performance of the Lords Prayer by the Chickasaw princesses: Alexis Walker, Little Miss Chickasaw, and Catie Newport, Junior Chickasaw Princess. Ms. Johnna R. Walker,

executive director, introduced special guests, and Mr. Kennedy Brown presented the welcome address.

Each year the Chickasaw Foundation awards individuals and groups for their contribution to our organization and events. This year's recipients were:

Volunteer of the Year – Ms. Debra Bittle calls on us to help with our events before we have a chance to even call her. Due to an emergency, she took over a committee for Cultural Evening and worked all day and well past her quitting time. She is the perfect person for most any job!

Volunteer Group of the Year – The Chickasaw Nation Search & Rescue is an exceptional group of men and women led by Mr. Ron Scott. They were one of the first to arrive at the Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament this year and provided ice for that event and Cultural Evening. They are ready to spring into action anytime they are called upon.

Philanthropist of the Year – The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature graciously established the Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship this year, and we are pleased to work with them on this endeavor.

ECCP Donor of the year – Ms. Jennifer Barnes-Kerns has been donating to the ECCP program since becoming an employee of The Chickasaw

Nation. She is a very gracious person who not only donates to this program but to St. Jude's Children's Research which has become one of her passions.

A PowerPoint presentation and the benediction by Mr. Kirk Perry led into the silent auction of Native American artwork. The proceeds from the artwork will continue to fund the **Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship**. This scholarship along with the others offered by the Chickasaw Foundation will be available for application in February 2008 with a June 1, 2008 deadline.

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions of artwork for the art auction:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perry
Mr. Bill Leftwich
Mr. Brad Clonch

Mr. Buddy Parchcorn
Mr. Darrell Walker
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Council, Parker selected for Kruger, Ataloo scholarships



Anita Council

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the following scholarships: The **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship** and the **Ataloo Memorial Scholarship**.

The **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship** is awarded to Ms. Anita



Wyas Parker

Council. Anita is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Pharmacy. She is pursuing her doctorate of pharmacy, and resides in Mustang, Oklahoma.

The **Ataloo Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to Mr. Wyas Parker. Wyas is a sophomore at East Central University and is majoring in music-piano. He resides in Ada.

Chickasaw Gathering



Susan Webb at the Chickasaw Foundation information booth during the Chickasaw Gathering at Duncan.

Ms. Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, and Ms. Susan Webb, academic advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science program, and provided a booth

at the Chickasaw Gathering in Duncan on November 5. They provided a booth with information regarding the Chickasaw Foundation and the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs.

Bray-Doyle HS junior

Stinnett selected October 'Student of the Month'



Heather Stinnett

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers

and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Heather Stinnett was selected as the October 2007 Student of the Month. She is a junior at Bray-Doyle High School and a three year member of the Upward Bound program. She was nominated by Mr. Steve Kile, academic advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program.

Heather participates in fast-pitch softball, track, show choir, FCCLA, Oklahoma Honor So-

ciety, National Honor Society, Superintendents Honor Roll and the National Honor Roll. She is also a tutor in her school's tutoring program.

Heather's hobbies include playing softball, talking, hanging out with her friends, reading singing, and having fun. She has received numerous awards including Student of Today, Student of the Month, and Outstanding Student in English I, Literature, Biology, Oklahoma History and Algebra I.

She is also active in community service projects and Upward Bound activities. Her future goals include attending college and majoring in science education and mathematics.

Work ethic, skills emphasized

'New Day' helps reentry into work

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Program Operations has established the "New Day" Ready 4 Work re-entry program for Chickasaw citizens who have difficulty obtaining employment due to various barriers. A main concern of the implementers of this program was those Chickasaw citizens who have had prior felonies and have been incarcerated.

"Employment is the greatest need of these ex-offenders who are re-entering society," said program manager David Engle. "Our role is to help them enter the job force, find a job and keep a job."

The focus of the program is to instill the work ethic and create marketable job skills that many participants might lack due to their pasts. Its mission is to give the participants a successful transition into the tribe and community, and to provide unity

with their families.

"This program can show them there is a way for them not to go back to their old crowds and habits and that the tribe offers many opportunities for them to overcome their pasts," said Ron Parker, Director at the Ardmore Area Office.

Due to the employment application process, these offenders are required to state that they have been convicted of an offense. Many employers are reluctant to hire ex-offenders. The "New Day" program will utilize a job developer, Cynthia Mose, to act as an advocate on behalf of participants to employers, especially those within the Chickasaw Nation.

"Fortunately, we've had a good response from people wanting to help the participants and give them a second chance," Engle said.

In addition to training program

participants, Ready 4 Work seeks to help them recognize all of the resources available to them as Chickasaw citizens. The idea is to show participants how they can access a "hand up."

"We just want to assist them in getting their heads above the water and realize 'Hey that could be an opportunity for ME,' Engle said.

"So many of these people want to help themselves, but they might not know how. We want to help them help themselves and re-build the trust between them and the community, specifically employers."

The program, a spin-off of the Ardmore Area Office's Career Development Initiative, will be based at the former Carter Seminary in Ardmore and will utilize a portion of the Chickasaw Farms in Davis.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.

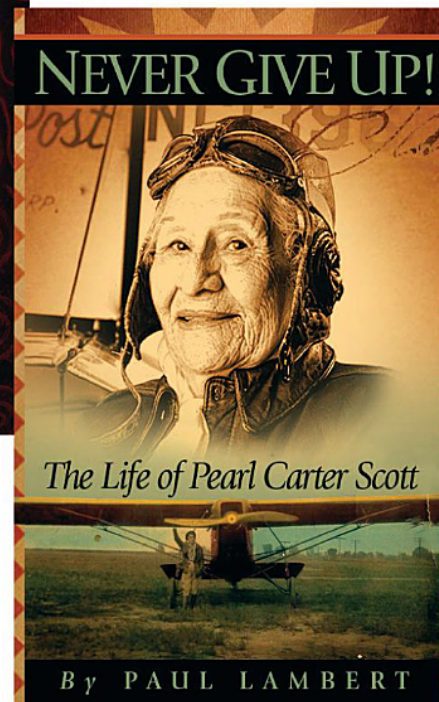
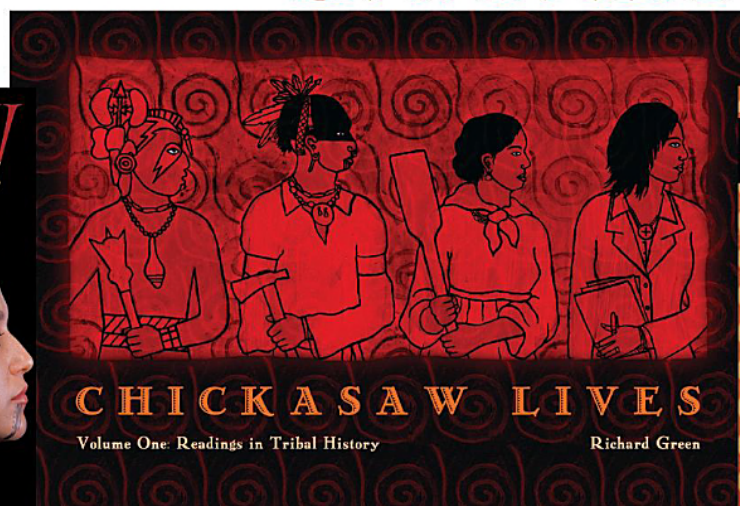
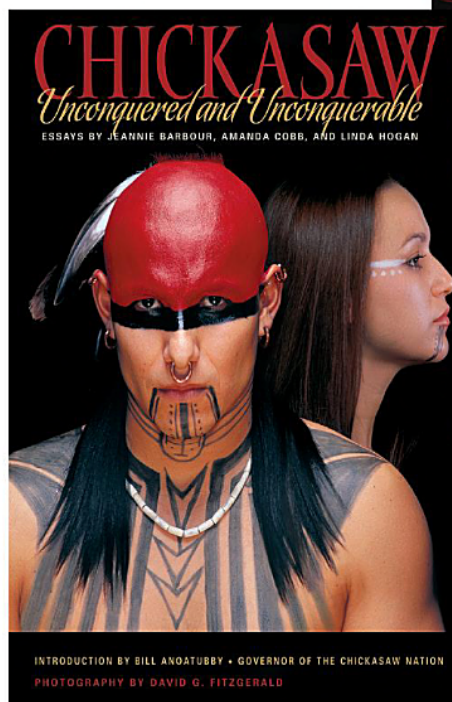
Park cleanup



This is how Pennington Park in Tishomingo looked just weeks before this year's Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting. Several volunteers, including employees of the Chickasaw Nation, helped tribal landscaping department employees and the City of Tishomingo transform the park from a flood zone to the site of the Festival. A cleanup day was conducted in September. Workers removed debris from the park left by summer floods, seeded the ground, cleaned the playground and painted light poles.

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Bringing Chickasaw 'back to life'

Language initiative attracts adults, kids



Language Specialist Joann Ellis, left, Vickie Penner and Stanley Smith are charged with revitalizing and restoring the Chickasaw language. The tribe offers several programs and courses for citizens and non-citizens who desire to learn Chickasaw.

It has been said when a language dies, a culture also dies. But a major Chickasaw Nation initiative is currently under way to preserve the tribal language.

Students of all ages, from preschool to senior citizens, now have several opportunities to learn the Chickasaw language, and share it with others.

Classes, activities, events and programs are under way to revitalize and preserve the ancient language.

Research shows somewhere in the world a language dies every 14 days. But Chickasaw citizens like Jo Ann Ellis are taking an active approach to preservation of the Chickasaw language.

Miss Ellis is a language specialist with the Chickasaw Nation. She is also a fluent speaker who is participating in the new master-apprentice language program.

She learned the language from her mother, the late Myrtle Brown, who spoke Chickasaw exclusively. "We didn't have a choice," Miss Ellis said, "we would speak Chickasaw."

Growing up, Miss Ellis said she would listen to how her mother pronounced words and how she used them into sentences and phrases.

Mrs. Brown died last year, but through the tribe's efforts her practice of native language will be continued.

Miss Ellis said the efforts to preserve the language were vital to preserving the tribe.

"If you lose your language you lose your identity," she said.

Ellis said once a culture loses a language, it becomes more like mainstream society because language defines a culture. Words or phrases that describe a particular cultural practice or idea rarely translate precisely into another language.

In the master-apprentice program, students are paired with fluent speakers. Both commit to spending two hours each day, five days a week, communicating in the Chickasaw language.

The program revolves around real-life activities, such as shopping, cooking or fishing.

"It is not a classroom setting," program coordinator Vicki Penner said.

The program currently has 10 fluent speakers and 18 apprentices.

"There is a good mix of elders and younger students," Penner said.

The objective is to produce fluent speakers who will become master speakers and continue to educate others to speak the Chickasaw language.

The program was initiated following a language survey recently conducted by the tribe. Chickasaws responded overwhelmingly in favor of language preservation programs.

Traditional language classes are offered at area cities to citizens and non-citizens. While classes vary from community to community, each will include

aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and history as well as Chickasaw language.

Language Education For Kids

Without the younger generations speaking and understanding the words and stories of the ancestors, the language dies. There are now several opportunities for children to be exposed to the Chickasaw language.

This Fall, kids nine and under have enjoyed three fun Saturday activities. "Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli," or Children Chickasaw Language, combines activities such as a trip to the pumpkin

patch, an archery day, and a gingerbread day.

The immersion program once again will be offered to Ada Chickasaw Head Start students beginning in January. Students learn the Chickasaw words for colors, numbers, animals, expressions and phrases.

Teachers will reinforce the new language skills through normal school activities.

For example, when a student tells the teacher "I want a drink of water," the teacher will repeat the phrase in Chickasaw and ask the child to say it in Chickasaw. Then, Walters said, the request

will be filled.

Last spring, tribal Head Start students from Ada and Madiill participated in the Native American Youth Language Fair at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

Danny Wells, director of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, said the goal was to provide quality language instruction at each of the Head Start sites and eventually bring all interested students to the annual event.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Language coordinator is 'right at home' establishing, supporting Chickasaw speakers

The mother of the descendants of the first Chickasaw governor is now playing a major role in restoring the Tribe's native language.

Vicki Penner is the wife of Harris Penner, a direct descendant of Cyrus Harris, the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Penner was recently appointed language specialist in the cultural division. In her new position, she is charged with developing programs that revitalize and preserve the Chickasaw Language.

Cyrus Harris, her husband's great-grandfather, was selected as governor of the Chickasaw Nation upon the ratification of the new Chickasaw Constitution, in August 1856. He was re-elected in 1860 but defeated in the 1862 election by Dough-

erty Colbert.

In 1866, Gov. Harris was re-elected to a third term and a fourth term in 1868 and a fifth in 1872. He was re-elected in 1876, but later withdrew.

Gov. Harris was known as a man of integrity, patriotism, generosity and self sacrifice.

Since she began working in her new position two months ago, Penner has been busy implementing language programs such as the master-apprentice program and organizing additional Chickasaw language classes for both tribal citizens and non-citizens.

A elementary school teacher for 25 years, Penner said her new position was challenging, yet rewarding.

A Chickasaw citizen, she said she was right at home in her new

position and working with the tribe. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollees Eben and Maude Ella Rider Brown. Her grandmother is the late Nathamay Brown Smith. Her parents are Joe and Nancy Bradshaw.

Through her work, she is preserving the language for her grandchildren, one of whom named Cyrus.

Her daughter, Becca, and son-in-law Chance have two small children, Cyrus and Carter. Cyrus is the sixth generation "Cyrus" in the family.

Penner also has two other daughters, Amanda and Kelly. Her father-in-law Jack Penner was the grandson of Felix and Amanda (Harris) Penner, who was the daughter of Cyrus Harris.

Children learning to speak Chickasaw with help of unique, fun activities

ADA, Okla. – More than 80 children attended the first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (children speaking Chickasaw) meeting on Saturday, October 27, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

"We are pleased to see so many children eager to learn the Chickasaw language," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are confident these young ones will help preserve our language and culture for generations to come."

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli

meetings are part of the Chickasaw Language Club for children up to the age of nine. The club focuses on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club will meet to practice Chickasaw language and embark on an adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

During Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings, children will learn to speak the Chickasaw language, take exciting field trips, do arts and crafts and learn Chickasaw culture

and history. Children will also be encouraged to speak the language while participating in the activities and during everyday conversations.

The first club meeting on October 27 was a "Fall Fun Day" where children learned Chickasaw words related to fall. Children and parents met at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, registered for the language club and gathered into groups to learn the Chickasaw

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Destanye Moore, left, and Lauren Burden sit together to learn new Chickasaw words during the first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting Saturday, October 27 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

language.

After learning fall-related words, the children and parents were transported to Chitwood Farms, near Sulphur, where the children played in a pumpkin patch, a corn maze and a hay maze. The children also participated in hay rides, giant slides and the Dairy Line Express rides.

Kristi Clark of Stratford, Okla., attended the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting with her two children, five-year-old Jesse and T.J., seven.

"I think this is a really good program to have for children nine and under," said Clark. "My kids enjoyed the day of learning and fun."

The November Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting was

conducted Saturday, November 17, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym in Ada. With the theme of "Archery Fun Day," children learned Chickasaw words related to archery. A presentation on the importance of archery to the Chickasaw people was also conducted, along with archery demonstration and practice.

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings will be conducted one Saturday each month. The next meeting is on Saturday, December 15, with the theme of Christmas Gingerbread Houses. For more information, contact Valorie Walters at (580) 436-0877.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.



Terryce Banner and Kobe Gabriel enjoy a ride on the "Daily Line Express" at Chitwood Farms outside of Sulphur as part of the first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting Saturday, October 27.



Children and parents enjoy a hay ride at Chitwood Farms outside of Sulphur as part of the first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting Saturday, October 27.



Mary Hartley, Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Care Coordinator, teaches a group of children Chickasaw words during first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting Saturday, October 27 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada. Children left to right are Rayna Stick, Lauren Burden, Destanye Moore, KarSarah Durant, Cuterra Love.



Lauren Burden has fun sliding down the giant slide at Chitwood Farms outside of Sulphur as part of the first Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meeting Saturday, October 27.

Tribe helping to bring Oklahoma Guardsmen home for Christmas

The Chickasaw Nation is helping in a state-wide fundraising effort to bring approximately 2,600 Oklahoma National Guardsmen of the U.S. Army 45th Infantry Brigade home for Christmas. These soldiers are currently being trained at Fort Bliss, Texas near El Paso and are set to be deployed to Iraq in January.

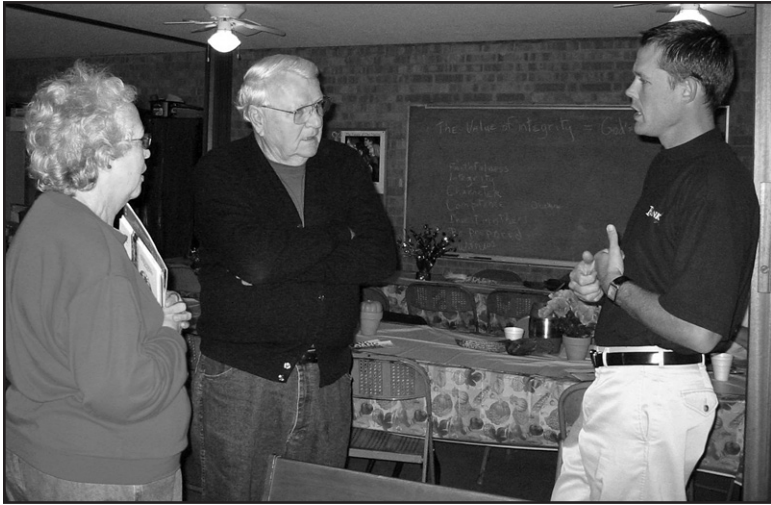
According to Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, it will cost approximately \$600,000 to pay for the 60 buses to carry the troops and to provide meals. The Chickasaw Nation has agreed to donate two buses to transport troops, the Choctaw Nation is providing 14 buses and the Cherokee Nation has donated \$35,000.

"Operation Holiday Homecoming" will pick up soldiers on December 22 and take them to one of five locations in Oklahoma for their 10-day leave. The U.S. Defense Department regulations preclude the Army from paying for the soldiers' trips home while on leave. The expense of getting home is up to each soldier, many of whom might not have money to pay for 15-hour trip from Fort Bliss to Oklahoma.

Donations to "Operation Holiday Homecoming" may be made at any BancFirst branch or to The American Legion of Oklahoma, Operation Holiday Homecoming, P.O. Box 53037, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.

Wichita Community Council hears presentation from Bank2 official



David Biggers, right, vice president of Bank2 of Oklahoma City, answers a question of Marion and Juliet Muncrief at the November meeting of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita.

Marshall County Council elects officers, sets events

During the Marshall County Chickasaw Council's regular meeting on November 13, board members for the next year were sworn in. Patricia Bostick is now the chairperson.

Other board members are: Vice-chair Patsy Bailey; Secretary-Sarah Lea; Treasurer-Letitia Smith;

Members-at-Large, Doug Cryer, Ruth McAdoo, Larry McGranahan and Dee Ramsey.

Plans were finalized for a booth at the Centennial Celebration in Madill November 17 and a Community Christmas Party on December 11 at 6 p.m.

The MCCC meets the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in the Chickasaw Community Center on Enos Road. Each meeting is followed by visiting and refreshments. All are welcome. For more information, call 580-564-2975.

A presentation by David Biggers, vice president of Bank2 of Oklahoma City, was the feature of the Nov. 18 meeting of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita at the Indian Methodist Church.

Mr. Biggers spoke primarily on the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also explained and answered questions about the operation of Bank2, which is a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Banc Holding

Company.

Council members were also encouraged to attend the second Chickasaw listening conference Feb. 19-22 in Oklahoma City.

The 7th annual Trail of Tears Walk from the Indian Methodist Church to the Mid-America All-Indian Center was a success again this year, according to Lynn Stumblingbear, chair of the Chickasaw Council of Wichita. Also, two Vietnam era Chickasaw veterans from the Hursh family were honored with eagle feathers added to the War-

riors' Society Traditional Staff at the November Powwow.

The Mid-America All Indian Center will again host its annual Children's Christmas Party, Wednesday, Dec. 12. Children from infants to age 14 will be given treats and a gift from Santa and the Indian Methodist singers will sing and lead in the singing of carols.

It was decided there will be no December meeting of the Wichita Council because the usual meeting date is so close to Christmas.

Northern Pontotoc Council hears details of tribal small business development program

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the night was Jeff Case, with the Chickasaw Small Business Development Center. We would like to thank him for the information and for volunteering to speak for us on short notice.

We would also like to thank Lee Frazier who led the Lord's Prayer in the Chickasaw language. Also a big thanks to Mae Frazier for administering flu shots to the Chickasaw citizens.

A committee volunteered to finish and deliver the Thanksgiving baskets. These baskets will be delivered to 10 families in need, in our area.

Concern was voiced regarding the long waiting period to be seen by a physician at the Purcell Clinic. As a help to us in our area, someone from Health Services will be at our January meeting to set up medical charts for citizens.

James Humes from the OKC Community Council was in attendance and suggested that he would like to see the legislature

change their meeting time to Saturdays instead of Fridays, so that more Chickasaw citizens could come and see the legislature at work. He encouraged us to spread the word so that a resolution could be made to change this.

On the second Thursday of December, instead of a formal meeting, it was decided to have a Christmas Party. Please come out and attend. It will be at 7 p.m. at the Chickasaw Training Center at Tri-City. Indian Tacos will be provided, but please bring a dessert or side dish.

Chickasaw Press histories, biography available through Chickasaw Outpost

The Chickasaw Press is pleased to announce that books are now available for sale at the Chickasaw Nation Outpost in Ada and by email at info@chickasawpress.com. Books can also be ordered over the phone by calling 580-559-0547.

Books available for purchase include "Never Give Up! The Life of Pearl Carter Scott" by Paul Lambert; "Chickasaw Lives: Exploration in Tribal History" by Richard Green; and "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" by Jeannie Barbour, Amanda Cobb-Greetham, and Linda Hogan.

The newly released "Never Give Up!" is a biography of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott. This book is available for \$20.

"Chickasaw Lives," also new-

ly released, is a collection of 29 articles about Chickasaw history written by tribal historian Richard Green. The articles appeared in tribal publications from 1994 to 2004. "Chickasaw Lives" is also available for \$20.

"Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable," an award-winning coffee table book featuring photography by David Fitzgerald, was the first book to be released by the Chickasaw Press. It is now available at the special one-year anniversary price of \$25.

The Chickasaw Press, directed by Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, is in its first year of production.

For information about the Chickasaw Press or for information about books for sale, please call 580-559-0547.

OKC Council hosts holiday dinners, to hear information from Chickasaw Nation Industries

We are happy to report that the annual Halloween Party was a huge success! This year we were at the Clarion Hotel Convention Center where the ghosts and goblins came for a catered dinner of BBQ brisket and finger food. Over 125 people attended and had a "Howling" good time!

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council had a "turkey and dressing" dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6 and monthly meeting at 7 p.m. to start us off with great food and fellowship for this Thanksgiving Season! We enjoyed lots of homemade side dishes; sweet potatoes, homemade bread, cole slaw, beans, along with pies and cakes for dessert. Our guest speaker was Wilson

Seawright, who gave a wonderful presentation of the history Chickasaw Nation by date. His handout was helpful to go along with his entertaining and factual stories of our ancestors and their trials with dealing with forces that continually manipulated our culture.

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will have Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4 and monthly meeting at 7 p.m. We will provide ham (we think you'll be having lots of turkey in December!) and we welcome your favorite side dish and desserts. Our speaker December 4 will be Eric Shaw, a Chickasaw Nation Industries recruiter.

We are hoping to hear the report from the bus trip. The trip

to our home land in Tennessee was full of adventures and information about our ancestors and their culture. We can't wait to hear about it and see pictures too.

We would love to have metro members bring a framed photo of their Chickasaw ancestor to our Council. We are decorating our walls with these photos and you may be surprised to learn you are related to another Council member!

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127

Central Texas Council enjoys picnic at Mexican-American Cultural Center



Gene Thompson, Chair of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas, presents a copy of the Chickasaw book "Chickasaws – Unconquered and Unconquerable" to Amparo Garcia-Crow, program manager-director of the Mexican American Cultural Center for inclusion in the Center's Library. Council board member Dr. Shannon Speed and vice-chair Jay Hurst look on.

The Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas held its final meeting of 2007 on November 11 when the members and guests enjoyed their first fall picnic on the grounds of the beautiful new Mexican American Cultural Center of Austin (MACC).

The picnic is the one event of the year that is strictly social in nature. The weather was beautiful and the council members enjoyed a wide range of great dishes including Pashofa, visiting the beautiful art gallery at the MACC and renewed old and established new friendships with their fellow Chickasaws and guests.

This facility is centrally lo-

cated and overlooks Lady Bird Lake in downtown Austin. The MACC has agreed to host the

Central Texas Council when the council conducts its local 2008 monthly meetings.

Ada Council views 'Remember,' sets Christmas gift exchange

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council had its meeting and Thanksgiving dinner on November 15, 2007 at the Marie Bailey Community Center. The video *Remember* was enjoyed by everyone and the Silent Auction was a success.

The next meeting will be December 20, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Marie Bailey Community Center, 1200 Jack John

Circle. Due to the time change, the council voted to start the activities early.

A Christmas party is planned with a gift exchange. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a gift, a woman brings a woman's gift and a man brings a man's gift. Attendances are encouraged to bring finger foods or their favorite snack.

Everyone come and enjoy.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm

Marie Bailey Community Center  
1800 Jack John Circle  
Ada, OK  
Pat Cox, Chair  
580-272-0549

### Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm

Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Connerville, OK  
Tony Poe, Chair  
580-421-4994  
[tony.poe@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.poe@chickasaw.net)

### Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm

Chickasaw Community Building  
1109 Ray Branum Road  
Tishomingo, OK  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center  
1400 Enos Road  
Kingston, OK

Patricia Bostick, Chair  
580-564-2975

### Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm

Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37  
Newcastle, OK  
Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Pam Conard, Chair  
405-973-8127  
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Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
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### KANSAS ~~~ Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm

Wichita Indian United Methodist Church

1111 N. Meridian  
Wichita, KS

Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)

Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

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San Antonio, TX Area  
Call for time and location

Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
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Austin, Texas Area  
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Gene Thompson, Chair  
512-258-7919  
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Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
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# Chickasaw Honor Club

## Outstanding Achievement students selected

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program recognizes outstanding students each month based on achievement in art, athletics, band, dance, FFA/FHA, journalism, music, theatre/drama or other areas.

Students receive an engraved plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card for their achievement.

Chickasaw students in grades two through 12 can be nominated. For more information or to receive an application, contact Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7712.

**Spring semester 2007 Outstanding Students include:**

### April 2007

#### Sara Miller, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Sara Miller, is a sophomore at Latta (OK) High School where she excels academically and is a member of the academic team.



**Sara Miller**

She is the daughter of Steve and Carla Miller.

During the past school year, she placed third in Spanish I and third in Algebra II at the East Central Interscholastic Meet. At the Murray State Interscholastic Meet, she again placed third in Algebra II and second in Business Math.

She also excelled in two science fair competitions. She placed first at the Latta Science Fair in biochemistry, medicine and health. At the regional science fair, she again placed first in biochemistry, medicine and health, and qualified for the state science fair.

Her extracurricular activities include varsity fast- and slow-pitch softball, basketball, FCA, student council, DECA, class secretary and honor society. She is an active member of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council and has traveled on a mission trip to Belize. She said she would like to participate in additional trips.

Miss Miller maintains a grade point average of 4.14. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma after graduation.

Teachers say she is a most

congenial young lady and respectful to school staff.

"Latta is proud to have outstanding students and Sara is definitely in that category," said school staff member Terry Painter.

Latta School is in Pontotoc District.

#### Haley Sperry, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Haley Sperry, a 2007

Ardmore (OK) High School graduate, was honored for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics during the 2007 Spring semester.

She is the daughter of Cindy Sperry and the late Mitch Sperry.

During high school, she excelled both academically and in athletics. A member of National Honor Society, she also participated on the varsity softball and tennis teams. She was named to the All-State Softball team.

In her spare time she enjoys reading and writing.

She attends the University of Oklahoma and upon completion of her bachelor's degree, she plans to attend graduate school at New York University and intern at a magazine.

"Haley Sperry is the kind of athlete who is a leader on and off the field and court," said Ardmore school official Deana Craighead.

Ardmore School is in Pickens District.

#### Shannon Underwood, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Shannon Underwood received many honors and awards during his time at Mill Creek (OK) High School.

Mr. Underwood graduated in May, 2007 with a 3.6 grade point average.

While a student at Mill Creek High School, he was selected Student of the Month by the Tishomingo Lions Clubs and served as a student player in the



**Shannon Underwood**

Oklahoma House of Representatives. He participated in scholastic meets at East Central University and Murray State College. He was a member of the basketball team, where he served as team captain, and was selected for the Atoka and Johnston County All-Star team.

In school, he was a member of 4-H, the school newspaper staff, the prom committee, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His peers selected him class favorite in the categories "Best Smile," "Most Athletic," "Best Personality," and "Most School Spirit."

He is listed in the publication *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

During his time outside the classroom, he plays fast-pitch softball and dances at powwows. He has also placed in the national Red Earth Festival and around the country in grass dancing, an activity he has participated in since he was eight years old.

"I have been raised knowing my heritage and am very proud to be Chickasaw," Mr. Underwood said. "Also I know it is very important in life that I learn about other heritages, which is why I dance grass."

After graduation, he plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, or Southeastern State University in Durant, and major in physical education.

"My goal for the future is to help other kids who have had a tough time keeping up physically in any sport," he said.

Coach Arthur K. Vernon, who nominated Mr. Underwood, said, "I have had the honor of coaching Shannon and consider it a great privilege. Shannon has a great work ethic and exemplifies great leadership, alongside great sportsmanship. Whether in baseball or basketball, Shannon has been committed. He is the most coachable student I've ever had, he's a great listener and a great person."

Mill Creek School is in Tishomingo District.

#### Kate French, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Kate French, a junior at Ardmore (OK) High School is a third-year member of both the Ardmore High School ten-



**Kate French**

nis team and the AHS Pom Squad.

"Kate is both smart and athletic. She is also very caring and one of those people who is a joy to be around," said Becky Dickenson, tennis coach at AHS. "She is as dedicated to her academics as she is her athletics."

She also excels in academics, maintaining a 3.75 grade point average. Miss French's future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Business Marketing and Public Relations.

Her extracurricular activities include the Student Council, National Honor Society and the Spanish Club.

#### Chelsea Pulver, Outstanding Achievement in Leadership

Chelsea Pulver is a senior at Metro Christian Academy in Tulsa, Okla., where she excels in academics, particularly in English and Composition, and serves as a leader for her peers.

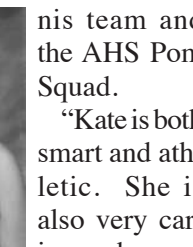
She has held an office in the student council during all three of her years of her high school career.

She is an active member of the Key Club, Spanish Club and National Honor Society. Miss Pulver is also involved in Metro's Debate team and has played roles in the school's productions of "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Music Man."

Miss Pulver volunteers regularly at her church's nursery and coffee bar. She has been on mission trips the past three summers to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, she serves as a mentor for the children of Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based addiction program.

This year, she was crowned Miss MCA, which is an honor based on teacher evaluations, GPA and popular vote.

"Chelsea is very driven and sets her goals high. She is a very remarkable, mature young



**Chelsea Pulver**

lady who is sincere, honest and respect-worthy," said Kristi Neerman, Director of Activities at Metro Christian Academy.

Miss Pulver's future plans are to study Journalism at the University of Oklahoma.

"People are in desperate need of dependable journalists, and I will be that journalist," she said.

#### Kade Robertson, Outstanding Achievement in Overall Character and Academic Achievement

Kade Robertson, a second grader at Northwest Heights Elementary School in Durant, Okla., excels in both academics and social skills.

"Kade is an outstanding student and an all around great boy. He works hard to achieve good grades and is always on task; I have often referred to him 'my favorite kid,'" said Lori Harrison, a faculty member of the Northwest Heights Elementary School.

Kade is a self-proclaimed "proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation" and has received many awards for his academic achievements and character.

This year alone, he has received the Principal's Award, the Durant Kiwanis Club Terrific Kid Award, the Successful Reader Award and the Overall Good Character Award.

Kade is also listed on the "A" and "B" honor rolls.

He loves to play sports and is active in baseball, basketball and soccer. Recently, Kade completed the Junior NBA Basketball Season, averaging eight points per game. Other things Kade enjoys include riding his bike and four-wheeler, playing with his pets and jumping on his trampoline.

At the age of 8, Kade has his future plans mapped out.

"My future plans are to attend SOSU for two years and then go to the University of Oklahoma," he said. "I want to be a surgeon to make people better. With the help given by the Chickasaw



**Kade Robertson**



# Chickasaw Honor Club

## Outstanding Achievement students selected

Nation, I will be able to meet my goals."

### May 2007



**Tyler Tomson**

**Tyler Tomson, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism**

Currently a senior at Allen (TX) High School, Tyler Tomson has a 3.4 grade point average.

As a 16-year-old, he scored a 1610 on the SAT and a perfect score in the essay section.

English teacher Heidi H. Hughes nominated Tyler for this award. She described Tyler as "flexible, creative and a leader."

"Throughout the year, he contributes to class discussions. Tyler shows the intrinsic value of learning when he asks questions that extend beyond the scope of the obvious," she said.

"Tyler is a diligent student, and it is obvious to me that he will make a positive contribution to the world in which we live. It is a pleasure having him in the classroom."

"I am lucky because I have a supportive family," Tyler said. "The Chickasaw Nation has also been supporting me to achieve and prepare for my goals."

Tyler's memberships include the National Association of High School Scholars and yearbook staff. He plays a variety of school sports.

In his spare time, he holds a part-time job, volunteers at a local animal shelter and helps in a church canned-food delivery.

He also enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding, computers, guitars and weightlifting.

After graduation, he plans to attend either Texas A&M or University of Texas and eventually earn a degree in architecture. He will hold the distinction of being the first child in his family to attend college.

**Erica Herman Outstanding Achievement, Over-all Student**



**Erica Herman**

Eric Marie Herman is always at school ready to learn and work, giving her all in the process.

The Nicoma Park (OK) Intermediate School student has been earning straight A's for the past five years. As a result, she is listed on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. She is also a member of the school choir, Falcon Footnotes.

She was honored as Student of the Month during the past school year, and received perfect attendance for the first semester of the 2007 school year. Erica served as class representative of her fifth-grade class.

She is also a six-year member of Campfire Girls.

"My favorite subject is history because it never changes," Erica said. "I hope that someday in the future I can make history too and be in all the history books."

"Erica is an outstanding student. She has been a joy to have in class. Erica always does her best in everything. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. I have never heard Erica complain about anything," said Kelli Henry, the school official who nominated her.

Her family has recently grown to nine when her parents adopted three small cousins.

"I am the oldest girl and my Mom says I am a big helper," she said.

**Ashley Fullbright, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics**



**Ashley Fullbright**

Now a fourth grader at Shawnee (OK) Pleasant Grove Elementary, Ashley Dawn Fullbright loves to play basketball and soccer.

"Ashley has played basketball since first grade. She has a great attitude and enthusiasm when she is participating in a sport. She works hard to keep her grades in good standing so she is eligible to play sports," said Mrs. Coker, her third grade teacher.

She has earned a medal in academics and basketball and soccer trophies.

"I enjoy learning the Chickasaw language and about my

culture."

In her spare time, Ashley likes to play with her friends and go skating and she loves to spend time with her family.

When she grows up, Ashley wants to be a school teacher or a business person.

### June 2007



**Mariah Baptiste**

**Mariah Baptiste, Outstanding Achievement in Music**

Mariah Jade Baptiste, a sixth grader at Lincoln Elementary in Ardmore, Okla., enjoys performing. She is active in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, cheerleading and choir.

She has been a member of "The Lincoln Legends," a performing show-choir for the past two years.

This voluntary choir requires commitment, hard word and dedication.

"Mariah exhibits all of these characteristics," said her teacher, Suzanne Sweeten.

The sixth grader aspires to attend a dance school in New York City and become a professional dancer. She is also interested in becoming a veterinarian.

In her spare time, she enjoys skating, singing, and talking to her friends. Her favorite subject is spelling.

Lincoln Elementary is in Tishomingo district.

**Kelsy King, Outstanding Achievement, Student Leadership**



**Kelsy King**

During the past school year, Kelsy King was awarded the Masonic Award at Northmoor Elementary in Moore, Okla. This is the highest award bestowed upon a sixth grader at the school. It is given to the student who demonstrates leadership, academic prowess, citizenry and participation in extracurricular activities.

Sixth grade Language Arts teacher Brenda Russell, who nominated Kelsy for the Chickasaw

Nation Outstanding Student award, described her as a "definite leader."

"She volunteers for projects and fulfills all responsibilities with the upmost pride and carefulness," said Mrs. Russell.

"Kelsy can beautifully balance sports, at which she is extremely competitive and deft, extracurricular activities, and school activities while continuing to achieve straight A's. Academically, Kelsy set the bar high."

Kelsy was also selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., this year.

She now attends Highland East Junior High in Moore, where she is enrolled in all honors courses, and she is in SEARCH, program for gifted students in the Moore School District.

When she is not reading, she enjoys playing soccer and basketball.

She would like to attend Oklahoma State University to obtain her degree.

"I plan to go on with life and follow the path God has for me," she said.

**James Clark Hadlock, Outstanding Achievement, Student Leadership**



**James Hadlock**

James Clark Hadlock earned a 3.85 grade point average while a student at Woodland Middle School in Fairfax, Okla.

He managed to maintain his high grade point average while participating in many extracurricular activities including football, track, and 4-H.

He was also named to the Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Roll, as well earning perfect attendance. James also served as eighth grade class salutatorian.

"James Clark Hadlock is very deserving of the Chickasaw Honor Club, Outstanding Achievement Award. He is an outstanding student and a wonderful role model for students at Woodland Middle School," said teacher Teresa Bledsoe.

He has earned several academic awards in the fields of science, art, English and Native

American history awards.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and sports. He also enjoys spending time with his family.

James is the son of Jim and Kelly Hadlock and the grandson of Marilyn and Glen Hadlock and Elaine Farren, all of Fairfax, and the late Jim Farren.

After high school graduation, he plans to attend college.



**Ryan White**

**Ryan C. White, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics**

Ryan White, a 15-year-old from Houston, Texas, has participated in the sport of gymnastics for eight years, competing in all six Olympic events, floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, vaulting, parallel bars, and the horizontal bar.

His success at the Texas State Championships as a level eight earned him a spot to compete at the Regional Championship in Kansas City.

Last April, he earned a gold medal in pommel horse and parallel bars at the Regional Championship in Kansas City, scoring a 9.1 and a 9.6 respectively.

He completed the championship by earning a score of 52.7, and wrapping up the all-around title of the region, which consists of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

He also plays electric and acoustic guitar in a Christian pop band "Slyghtly Distracted," and plays in the youth praise band at his church.

"He spends many hours practicing and perfecting his guitar playing skills," said Evie Miller, Sterling Wood Church youth praise team leader. "Ryan is a very talented musician."

Ryan is home schooled.

He said he would someday like to be a doctor, and to continue playing in a band.

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## National Art Show, continued from page 17

open.

Another Chickasaw, Natasha Wagner, 28, was selected to be a part of the art show.

Ms. Wagner is a student at the Institute of American Indian Arts and lived on the Rosebud Reservation for two years. She considers her time on the reservation, plus her Chickasaw heritage, serve as inspiration for her work. "I attribute my current career path to Rosebud and thank Rosebud, along with the support of the Chickasaws for my new exploration, experimentation, and overall learning in studio arts," she said. "I am Chickasaw and proud of my Nation, but I find myself also including

memories of Rosebud into my work here at the Institute of American Indian Arts."

Ms. Wagner's painting depicts South Dakota's Bear Butte in the distance with a prayer tree and tobacco ties placed in the middle. Bikers party in back of the painting while paper doll Lakota figures express the transformation of traditional to modern warrior, one manipulated by an unjust system.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the young women are great examples of the many talented young Chickasaws who are helping preserve Chickasaw culture and traditions for future generations.

"We are extremely proud of Courtney and Natasha's accomplishment and all citizens of who work diligently for the betterment and preservation of the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Trina Jones, Courtney's instructor in the tribe's Arts program, said the two young women, and the tribe, set a positive example for all Native Americans nationwide.

"Courtney and Natasha's art work were very positive in image and message," she said.

2007 NARF Modern Day Warrior young Native American artists selected to exhibit are:

Votan (Maya/Nahua); Daniel

McCoy (Muscogee/Potawotami); Cara McDonald (Chemehuevi); Natasha Wagner (Rosebud Sioux Reservation); Bunky Echo-Hawk (Pawnee/Yakama); Arion Poitra (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa); David Bernie (Yankton Sioux); Julius Badoni (Navajo); Angela Glass (Cherokee/Yakama); Alyssa Macy (Wasco/Navajo/Hopi); Vonnie Alberts (Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation); Sacheen Smith (Navajo); Lavina Bowers (Yurok); Manuel Monguia (Cahuilla Band of Indians); Jay McCray (Navajo); Dylan Adam Torkelson Miner (Woodland Métis); Andrew Morrison

(Haida/Apache); Nadya Kwan-dibens (Anishinabe); Valarie Norris (Red Lake Nation); Chris Pappan (Kaw Nation); Darren Oliver (Navajo); Sharyl Pahe (Diné/San Carlos Apache); Courtney Parchcorn (Chickasaw/Kiowa/Cherokee/Creek); Erin Genia (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate); Dante McCoy (Cherokee); Venaya Yazzie (Diné); Ryan Red Corn (Osage); Monty Singer (Navajo); Jasmine Vigil (Jicarilla Apache/Jemez Pueblo); and Chris Turley (Osage).

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## Kids run, jump, play and learn in After School Activity program



**Jason Morgan, a participant in the Chickasaw Nation's After School Activity program, navigates his way through the the obstacle course as Barry Needham, left, tribal youth services activities coordinator looks on.**

A group of elementary school students recently participated in a multi-week program where they learned several new skills and made new friends.

Students who attended the After School Activity program, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family, had the opportunity to learn new sports from swimming to karate. The children, whose average age was eight, also learned how to make healthy after school snacks, such as fruit and cheese kabobs.

Most days, activities took place at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center in Ada,

where the kids took advantage of the swimming pool, martial arts room, weight equipment and gymnasium.

One day a week, students traveled to Lazer Zone for a game of lazer tag and other engaging activities. The majority of the students voted the Thursday Lazer Zone trip their favorite part of the program.

Swimming came in a close second, according to the students.

Second grader Jayson Ellis said tackling the obstacle course was his favorite activity during the eight-week program. He also enjoyed the trips to Lazer

Zone.

Eight-year-old Hailey Ellis said her favorite part of the After School program was the weekly trips to Lazer Zone. Her brother, Jayson Ellis, also eight, enjoyed the obstacle course and swimming. Both students are in the second grade at Hayes Elementary School in Ada.

"We made a lot of good snacks," said seven-year-old Reese Hamilton. He said he also enjoyed swimming each week.

Jarrett "Bubba" Ellis, a first grader at Hayes, said his favorite activity was practicing his soccer kicks in the gym.

Seven-year-old Blake Easterling listed the trips to Lazer Zone as his top pick in the program. The Hayes Elementary second grader said he also enjoyed tossing the football around during the After School program.

Jason Morgan, an eight-year-old who attends Homer Elementary School, said his favorite part of the After School program was learning new things.

"I just like learning everything," he said. Lazer Zone was also at the top of his list.

The program kicked-off in September and ended Friday, Nov. 2.

The After School program will be offered again in Ada in the Spring for youth in third through eighth grades. This program is open to Chickasaw students or children of Chickasaw Nation employees.

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**Jarrett Ellis, a participant in the Chickasaw Nation After School Activity program, navigates through a large tunnel in the Family Life Center gym recently.**

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# Lou Perry recognized as 'CHR of the Year'



**Lou Perry proudly shows her "Community Health Representative of the Year" award.**

Lou Perry, of Ada, Okla., was named "Community Health Representative of the Year" during the Oklahoma Area Association of Community Health Representatives State Conference Banquet.

The event was hosted September 20 in Midwest City, Okla.

The CHR program was one of the first established outreach programs of the Chickasaw Nation. Its mission is to provide disease prevention and health education within the Native American population.

Mrs. Perry was completely taken aback when she was presented with the honor.

"I about came totally out of my chair," she said. "I didn't have a clue."

While very grateful for this honor, Mrs. Perry said the big-

gest reward of the job was working with the people.

"It is such a blessing to get to know them," she said. "They become like family and start to worry about me more than I worry about them!"

During a normal day at work, a CHR helps up to nine citizens with their health care needs. Services may include transporting citizens to and from the doctor, or taking them to pick up prescriptions. A CHR also often helps her clients understand a doctor's instructions and diagnoses.

While in the citizen's home, the CHR will also check for safety hazards and do general health assessments like blood pressure and checking blood sugar levels.

Community Health Representatives do much more than provide health care services. Mrs. Perry shared that she has done everything from help with a water leak to picking up commodities.

As a Community Health Representative, Mrs. Perry serves as a liaison between Native American families and the resources of the Chickasaw Nation and the community.

While the services offered by the CHR program are available to any citizen, its primary focus is to serve elders.

In fact, it was a CHR that came to Mrs. Perry's mother's aid in 2000 that inspired Mrs. Perry to become involved in the

program herself.

Mrs. Perry thanked Cheryl Willis and Pam Aguilar for guiding her in her training as a Community Health Representa-

tive. She also thanked the entire Chickasaw Nation for providing such programs and services.

At 60, Mrs. Perry plans to continue to help Chickasaw Nation

citizens as a CHR for "as long as her health allows."

*Carrie Bradshaw Media Relations Specialist*

## CNHS Staff Conduct Halloween Activities



**Dr. John Garber performs a magic trick on Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance.**

The Chickasaw Nation Health System employees enjoyed Halloween activities on Tuesday, October 3.

Event festivities included a chili cook-off, pumpkin carving, dessert and costume contests and treasure hunt. The staff was also treated to a potluck lunch and magic show performed by Dr. John Garber.

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**Shawnda Russell, CNHS MAPS Coordinator, enjoys the potluck lunch during the Halloween festivities.**



**Winning pumpkins submitted by CNHS staff.**

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# Diabetes information event focuses on nutrition, wellness



**Joyce and Henry C. Meeks visit exhibits during the "Diabetes: Partnership for the Future" event.**

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation and Valley View Regional Hospital hosted the "Diabetes: Partnership for the Future" event on Monday, November 19 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

More than 50 people attended the event.

During the event, attendees viewed exhibits, spoke with health care professionals and enjoyed healthy refreshments.

Exhibits focusing on nutrition education, foot care, diabetes and the heart, wellness and various other topics were available for attendees. Several raffle items were also given away during the event.

Dr. Curtis Harris, Chickasaw Nation Health System Chief of Endocrinology and Medical Director of the Diabetes Care Center, was the keynote speaker for the event.

Dr. Harris spoke on many topics associated with diabetes and the partnership between patients and health care providers. He urged patients to bring several things with them to their appointments, including a list of all medications they are currently taking, including prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines and health supplements; a list of questions that the patient would like to discuss; and a list of home glucose monitor results; and "important others."

Dr. Harris encouraged patients

to bring along a parent, spouse or other adult because "others are important. Diabetes is a family affair."

"Partnership is also about what you can do for yourself," said Dr. Harris.

## Chickasaw Nation receives funding for minority health initiative

The Chickasaw Nation REACH US program recently received important funding to provide ongoing events and educational opportunities.

The funding also helps the program encourage resource sharing and marketing of other tribal and area-wide programs and services to Native Americans and the community.

The REACH US initiative was created to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease and diabetes on Native Americans.

The Chickasaw Nation's award came as a part of a larger national campaign. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded Oklahoma \$4.25 million in funding to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities among minority populations. The award is part of the CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community

He encouraged patients to walk more, measure their progress using a pedometer and share results with their doctor. He mentioned easy ways of getting more exercise, including parking farther away from the store, walking to the mailbox and walking to your coworkers' office to give them a message.

An interactive question-and-answer session was also conducted after Dr. Harris' presentation.

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce and properly use insulin. Insulin is needed to convert sugar, starches and other foods into energy. Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes affecting Native Americans. Many complications are associated with diabetes including heart disease, kidney disease, and eye and foot complications.

For more information on the CNHS Diabetes Care Center, call (580) 421-4532.

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Health (REACH) initiative.

Along with the Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, the project's eight tribal partners include the Chickasaw Nation, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation REACH US program anticipates enrollment of new participants to begin following a six month project planning and appraisal period to begin in January 2008.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program, contact Lea Caulfield at (580) 310-9661.

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**Mary Blackwood views an exhibit during the diabetes event.**

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**By Anona McCullar**

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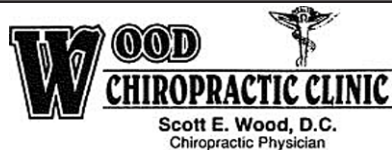
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# Chickasaw major leaguer one of select few ballplayers

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

Before Navajo Jacoby Ellsbury and Winnebago Joba Chamberlain played for the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, respectively, in 2007, only about 100 other American Indians had played major league baseball. Of those, only one was Chickasaw, the late Euel "Monk" Moore of Tishomingo.

Many Chickasaws who only knew Monk Moore as a state game ranger before his death in 1989, would have been amazed to know that he pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Giants in the 1930s.

Now, new generations of Chickasaws and baseball fans can learn about the baseball player and the man through a new on-line project of the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR). Titled the Baseball Biography Project or BioProject, it aims to collect short biographies of everyone who has ever played major league baseball.

Accordingly, Rory Costello, a SABR contributing member of Brooklyn, N.Y., contacted me this past October about the 1996

profile I had written of Monk Moore for the then *Journal of Chickasaw History*. Costello told me that a few years ago he had written a short article on Moore for the two-volume *Native Americans in Sports*. He noted that he had cited my article as the main source of his information.

Costello was going to elaborate on the article for the BioProject, but realized that I had essentially "done the job." He suggested posting my article on the website with some additional information that he had discovered and would contribute. For example, did I know that in 1950 Moore had gained national attention by helping to capture a leopard that had escaped from the Oklahoma City Zoo? About 3,000 Oklahomans had participated in the leopard dragnet.

He also had found another source and explanation of the arm problems developed by Moore late in his career. This account had not been included in the news clippings loaned to me in 1996 by Monk's widow, Gwyndoline Moore of Tishomingo. According to a former Phillies' teammate of Monk's, the manager, Jimmie Wilson,

"didn't do right by Moore." Wilson didn't like Moore's overhand pitching motion, so he ordered him to throw sidearm. "Moore protested he couldn't do it without hurting his arm," said former teammate Dick Bartell. "Wilson said it was either pitch that way or not at all. So poor Chief Moore threw sidearm and ruined his arm and never had a winning year. Two years later he was through."

I told Costello I was glad to contribute, and the article and two accompanying photographs of Moore in his Phillies uniform now are part of the BioProject. I was also happy to learn that shortly before Gwen Moore died, she donated all of Monk's clippings, photos and memorabilia to the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

The recent Internet posting is actually the second on the Internet. An editor of *Baseball Almanac*, the official baseball history site, contacted me in 2005 about including the profile in the website's Baseball Biographies. In November, a link to the Moore profile was included on its homepage.

The Moore profile with some

of Costello's contributions will be included in my book of profiles and oral histories, *Chickasaw Lives, Volume 2*, which will be published by Chickasaw

Press in 2008.

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## Hospital Groundbreaking, continued from page 1

utility, maintenance and operation costs.

Careful planning for the new facility resulted in CNHS being selected on October 17, 2007, to receive millions in additional funding under the Indian Health Service Joint Venture program. Joint Venture funding will provide millions of dollars in annual funding for staff and operational needs of the new facility for a minimum of 20 years. Dr. Charles Grim, Indian Health Service (IHS) Director of Policy Review, was present to commemorate the groundbreaking.

"We are very proud to be a partner with you," Dr. Grim said.

Over time, CNHS expects to add 300 new positions to staff the facility, which will include doctors, nurses and other workers. Through the unique joint venture partnership with IHS, the Joint Venture funds will enable CNHS to fully staff the new facility much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise.

The Joint Venture construction program was established to develop partnerships between tribes and the Indian Health Service. Under the program, tribes who acquire or construct a tribally-owned health care facility may be selected to participate. In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, the Indian Health Service provides funding for certain staffing and operational costs. Selection for the award was a highly competitive process, with 71 tribes voicing interest. The Chickasaw Nation was one of only two tribes in the U.S. selected this year for the program.

Plans for the new facility include a 74-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, pharmacy refill center, diagnostic imaging center and women's health

center, all located on a single campus.

Designers from Page Southernland Page met with a number of Chickasaw citizens and employees early in the planning stages of the new hospital to discuss design elements of the facility. The meeting was scheduled to ensure important aspects of Chickasaw culture are incorporated into the design of the new hospital. The theme of family and community was mentioned repeatedly during the consultation process. Since most patients are accompanied by several family members from young children to elders, the need to accommodate family members of patients was stressed. Architects designed hospital rooms large enough to accommodate visitors and still allow room for staff to attend to patients.

Traditional images of southeastern tribes have also been incorporated into the architecture.

"In addition to featuring the natural landscape, the facility will incorporate many aspects of our heritage and culture," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The facades of the building and terrazzo floor were influenced by the traditional Chickasaw neckwear and Chickasaw art and cultural items will be featured throughout the hospital."

A chapel for prayer and worship, and an outdoor area for traditional cleansing ceremonies have also been incorporated into the plan. In addition, many of the signs at the facility will also include Chickasaw language.

"We are one step closer to achieving our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This facility will allow us to provide the highest quality patient care for generations to come."

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

## Joint Venture, continued from page 1

"We are very pleased to be the first hospital replacement facility to ever receive the Joint Venture Construction Program Award," said Bill Lance, CNHS administrator. "Without the support of Governor Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Nation, our excellent staff, Indian Health Service, and ultimately the patients we serve, opportunities of this magnitude would not be possible."

"The integrity of the Chickasaw Nation Health Care delivery system will be sustained for many years to come."

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tice, obstetrical/gynecological, optometry, dental, pediatrics and behavioral health.

Two areas of significant increase will be family practice, which will increase from six to 12 providers; and dental, which will increase from 10 to 31 chairs. Imaging services will be greatly expanded with two CT

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The Absentee Shawnee tribe in Oklahoma was also selected.

scans, an MRI and a dedicated women's imaging department with digital mammography, ultrasound and bone scan.

The new facility and addition of staff will enable the Chickasaw Nation to provide the highest quality facilities, medical professionals and patient care far into the future.

## 300 new staffers to benefit patients

Creation of the new Chickasaw Nation health care facility, along with Joint Venture Project funding, will add approximately 300 new positions in the coming years.

The new facility will see an increase in the number of doctors and nurses for many services including family prac-



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## Homelands interpretative center on Chickasaw village site

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

The development of a tribal Interpretive Center and Retreat, on land that was part of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaw village, got a boost on October 24 when Governor Bill Anoatubby approved a request to hire a manager and caretaker/security officer.

The request was from a four-person committee Gov. Anoatubby appointed last year to steer the development of the site that included part of a village known as Tchichatala (chi-cha-tah-la). Members are Kelley Lunsford, chair, Joshua Hinson, LaDonna Brown and Richard Green.

After the job descriptions have been finalized, the manager's position will be advertised in a variety of external publications and postings and both jobs will be posted by tribal Human Resources. Lunsford said she hoped that both new staff members can be on board by early 2008. Preference will be given to Chickasaw and American Indian applicants in both cases.

Following a training period based in Ada, the manager will reside permanently in the Tupelo, Mississippi area. The manager will supervise the caretaker/security officer, who is expected to live in a guest house on the property.

The Beasley family owned the land they called Cedarscape from 1964 until they sold nearly 35 acres to the Archaeological Conservancy (TAC) in 2005. TAC acquired the land with a grant from the Nation with the mutual intent of preserving and protecting Tchichatala's remnants, both above and below the ground.

But Gov. Anoatubby had another goal in mind for the preserve. When he approved funding for the grant, he and TAC officials agreed that the 35 acres would be leased to the Nation for 99 years for a nominal one-time fee so the tribe could develop an interpretive center and retreat. The lease agreement was signed by both parties last year.

In recent months, the committee has created a concept plan and a proposed budget is being drafted by Lunsford, the

administrator of the Division of Culture, where the Interpretive Center and Retreat will be housed.

### Archaeological Survey

The concept plan was drafted to protect the underground features, including Chickasaw human remains originally buried beneath what were their houses. To learn where these areas of occupation were, the Nation contracted with University of Mississippi archaeologist Jay Johnson.

Using remote sensing electronic equipment, Johnson and his team surveyed the surface of about 20 acres of the preserve. They noted the presumptive location of several suspected 18<sup>th</sup> century trash pits, especially on the elongated high bluff overlooking Coonewah Creek valley. Using a thin coring device, he drilled into the locations of some of the suspected trash pits and drew out the darker earth associated with trash pits and from depths associated with such pits.

As further confirmation, Johnson excavated two suspected locations and found that they contained the durable materials of what 18<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaws considered trash: pottery sherds, metal tool fragments and animal bones. After non-invasive study of the material, Johnson will return the artifacts to the Nation.

The pits were mapped electronically and on paper and the land in that vicinity will not be disturbed because trash pits are associated with nearby houses and houses with possible graves. Johnson has more surveying to do before we have a better understanding of the locations of Chickasaw occupation within the preserve. But the preliminary evidence suggests it was extensive. This had been expected from the large amount

of surface artifacts collected or noted by the Beasleys over the years.

With these findings in mind, it was clear that constructing a museum and a building for sleeping accommodations was unfeasible. So the concept plan was devised to avoid occupation areas while exploiting the preserve's natural beauty by featuring a walking trail around the preserve.

### Manager's Duties

Accordingly, the plan that the new manager will be coordinating and implementing features few capital projects. One is a projected two-story visitor center containing up to 2,500 square feet of exhibit and office space. A second includes replicas of buildings constructed at the village by ancestral Chickasaws during their occupation of Tchichatala. These would be similar to those structures that were constructed a few years ago at Kullihoma, east of Ada. A winter house, summer house, council house, and various smaller structures are all described in James Adair's book, *History of American Indians*. We know the Chickasaws constructed one or more palisaded forts, and it is possible that a replica could be constructed in a good defensive location.

The bulk of the interpretation of Chickasaw history and culture will be presented via hand-held, multi-media players used by visitors who explore Tchichatala on the walking trail. The manager is expected to coordinate efforts to tell the tribe's story at Tchichatala by assembling the multi-media content (audio, video, still photos and interactive). The manager also will be the tribe's liaison to a production company that will be contracted by the tribe to craft this material into a one to two

hour program available on the hand-held units.

As new information, stories or theories on history and culture become available, new material or edits can be made easily to the program. For example, with new information, we might be able to date more precisely when the people who lived at Tchichatala moved from this location overlooking Coonewah Creek to the Chokkilissa settlement of villages a few miles to the northeast. We know the move probably occurred between 1734 and 1740. When Tchichatala was first occupied by Chickasaws is much more open-ended. Artifact evidence indicates it was prior to 1700. But could it have been before 1600? No one knows.

### Local Support

While this multi-media program is being developed and the structures built, the manager is expected to spend significant time doing public relations in Tupelo and the region including Memphis. This will be the means to bridge the development phase to the initial operational phase, so that when the gate opens to the public, they will come. This not only includes paying visitors from the area and tourists but Tupelo-area and regional school and church groups. Another public relations aspect to the job is seeking private support from friends of Tchichatala and volunteers.

While adequate support from the residents of Tupelo and the region is regarded as essential to the success of the Interpretive Center and Retreat, the initial plan was to benefit tribal members educationally and spiritually. Already, both small and larger visiting groups of Chickasaws have expressed in emotional terms how much Tchichatala means to them.

Some have told us that they felt the presence of their ancestors there. With these experiences in mind, the committee believes that publicity and word-of-mouth testimonials will motivate many individual Chickasaw families to visit on their own. Moreover, Chickasaw Nation departments are expected to book short-term retreats with the manager, who would secure special motel rates locally for retreat participants.

The center's manager will also be the tribe's nominal contact with the Archaeological Conservancy in ensuring that terms are followed for both the cultural resource management program and the lease agreement that were signed by TAC and the Nation. In keeping with these mutual agreements, the caretaker will be monitoring and controlling land erosion, which is apparent among the gullies that run through a portion of the property and on the steep bluff where the soil is thin.

In addition to long-term projects such as planting and maintaining ground cover, the caretaker will help replenish some of the native plants that are believed to have grown at Tchichatala, such as the Chickasaw Plum. Other regular duties include trimming and thinning a forest of mainly red cedar trees, mowing and brush hogging.

Security plans have not been finalized but securing the preserve is an important priority of the Nation and TAC. The Beasleys live adjacent to their former property and still patrol it at our request. Meanwhile, estimates to fence the entire preserve will be obtained.

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to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year; a Lieutenant Governor in his second term of office would be paid the base salary plus \$50,000 (\$250,000) plus 30% of that salary (\$75,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR24-012.**

Mrs. Alexander stated she could not support the resolution because of the substantial increase. Too large of an increase in salaries for elected positions and no cost of living raises for employees are just two reasons cited by Mrs. Alexander for not supporting PR24-012. Mr. Worez stated he supports the resolution because the position merits the increase. Ms. Case stated she could not support the resolution because voting in raises were not responsive to the needs of the Chickasaw people.

Ms. Wanda Scott called for the question. A vote was taken to approve PR24-012.

**Members voting yes:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**10 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Donna Hartman

**3 no votes**

**The motion to approve PR24-012 carried.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-060, Authorization for Additional Funding of the Construction Loan Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to transfer additional funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the revolving account for home construction loans used in conjunction with the Chuka Chukmasi loan program. The funds are used as construction loans for Chickasaw citizens and tribal employees who have been approved for Chuka Chukmasi home loans. These construction loans are paid off by the Chuka

Chukmasi mortgage loans once construction is completed. The demand for construction loans is very high and adding these funds will allow more citizens to be served through the Chuka Chukmasi program and to become homeowners. Construction loans through banking institutions normally have interest rates of 9-10%; the tribe's construction loans have an interest rate of only 5%, which is a significant savings to the citizens.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-060.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-060 carried unanimously.**

General Resolution Number 24-061, Authorization for Issuance of Bonds – CNHS Health Complex and Repeal and Rescission of GR24-010

This resolution authorizes the incurring of indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed \$90,000,000 and the issuance of the Chickasaw Nation Health System bonds (CNHS Health Complex) (the "Bonds"); the negotiation of specific terms by the Governor; providing for the purpose for which the Bonds may be issued; authorizing the sale and delivery of Bonds; authorizing a Bond Indenture and other documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing the limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the Bonds; providing for the compliance with applicable federal law relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal taxation purposes of interest on the Bonds; and containing other provisions relating thereto. This resolution repeals and rescinds GR 24-010 because the industry requirements have changed since the passage of GR 24-010.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-061.

**Members voting yes:** Linda

Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**11 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

**2 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-061 carried.**

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report

**(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-058, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County Additional Acreage to the Proposed Hospital Site

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, located south of and adjacent to the new hospital site, Ada, OK 74820. This acquisition would add additional acreage to the proposed hospital site. This resolution also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-058.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-058 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 24-059, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County Expansion of the Education/Wellness Campus**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property located north of the new Housing Ad-

ministration site in Ada, OK. This acquisition would be for the expansion of Education/Wellness Center Campus. This resolution also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-059.

Chairperson Scott Colbert relinquished the Chair to Secretary Briggs to serve as Chairperson Pro Tempore and excused himself from the session. Ms. Briggs appointed Dr. Goforth Parker to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore.

A roll vote was taken to approve GR24-059.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-059 carried unanimously.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

**(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

**(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**  
**NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Frank Johnson Jr., Ms. Pat Woods and Ms. 'Rena Duncan made comments regarding the elected officials salaries.

Mr. James Humes asked that the Session date be changed to Saturday.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding employee benefits.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

### ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,  
Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Legislature

### CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION David Stout Building Ada, Oklahoma October 19, 2007

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman (Late arrival, 9:03), Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**Member absent:**

David Woerz

**Staff present:** Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

**Guests present:** James A. Humes, Tamra Lindley, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Hudspeth, Traile G. Glory, Michael L. Wingo, Tony Choate

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

**Presentation**

Ms. Briggs presented a plaque and beaded gavel to Chairperson Scott Colbert for his service as Chairperson for the past two years.

**AGENDA ITEM #4**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Green nominated Ms. Briggs as Chairperson. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott that Ms. Briggs be declared Chairperson by acclamation. All votes yes; zero votes no.

Mr. Tim Colbert nominated Dr. Goforth Parker as Secretary. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert that Dr. Goforth



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Parker be declared Secretary by acclamation. All votes yes; zero votes no.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mrs. Doretta Sellers to serve as Recording Secretary. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the nomination.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mr. Harold Stick to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms. Ms. Donna Hartman seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the motion.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - September 21, 2007**

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the September 21, 2007 minutes.

Ms. Alexander felt there were discrepancies on one of the resolutions and that more comments should be reflected in the minutes. Mr. Woods noted corrections to the guests list.

**A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table the September 21, 2007 minutes.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to table the minutes of September 21, 2007 carried unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Alexander made comments on the procedure followed at the last Legislative Session regarding call for the question.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-062, Request for Amendment to Consolidated Tribal Budget FY 2008

The Chickasaw Nation places great importance upon its elders and believes in providing services to them commensurate with the wisdom and leadership that they provide to the Nation throughout their lives. This resolution requests the Governor to make amendments to the

Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the addition of health programs to better serve the Nation's elders living within and outside the Chickasaw Nation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-062.**

Ms. Hartman asked to which health program the money would be applied. Chairperson Briggs stated that it had not yet been determined. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott stated it was intended for referral services. Ms. Alexander asked how the amount of \$150,000 was determined. Mr. Tim Colbert suggested tabling the resolution to see if additional funding was needed.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table GR24-062.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

#### **8 yes votes**

**Members voting no:** Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

#### **4 no votes**

**The motion to table GR24-062 carried.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-002, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to pro-

vide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI as Governor Bill Anoatubby with first alternate being Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the second alternate being Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs and the third alternate being Tribal Legislator Wanda Blackwood Scott.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-002.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR25-002 carried unanimously.**

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

**(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

**General Resolution Number 25-001, Authorization for Acquisition of a Utility Easement in Love County**

This resolution approves the Nation's acceptance, through the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority (CTUA), of a perpetual utility easement through, over, under, and across approximately 1.92 acres of fee property in Thackerville, Love County, Oklahoma. The easement is necessary for purposes of ensuring adequate water, wastewater, and communications (*i.e.*, telephone and computer) service to the Nation's expanding WinStar Casino. The easement would also include a temporary right, which right would run during the period of the CTUA's construction of the utility infrastructure, to a 40' wide strip of land running along the eastern and southern boundaries of the permanent easement tract.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR25-001.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie

Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR25-001 carried unanimously.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

**(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

**(F) HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

**(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #8  
NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs and Dr. Goforth Parker thanked the Legislators for their support to serve this next year as Chairperson and Secretary. Ms. Alexander voiced her appreciation to the employees for their hard work during the Chickasaw Festival in making it a success and for those that helped deliver food commodities in the Panola District.

Mr. James A. Humes stated he would like for the Nation to handle issues of probate land for the elders. He reiterated his desire for tribal car tags and a need to change the session date to Saturday.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding changes in the laws that should be made for citizens to receive per capita payments.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,  
Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

**CHICKASAW  
TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
ADDITIONAL REGULAR  
SESSION**

**David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
November 1, 2007**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members present:**

Beth Alexander, Scott Colber, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

#### **Members absent:**

Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Steve Woods

#### **Staff present:**

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

#### **AGENDA ITEM #3**

#### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

#### **Consideration of a Motion to Adopt a Shortened Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to adopt a shortened agenda.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

#### **9 yes votes**

**The motion to adopt a shortened agenda carried unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4: R E - PORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Ms. Easterling gave the report in the absence of Committee Chair Woods.

#### **General Resolution Number 25-003, Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day**

This resolution changes the Legislative Session for November, 2007, to November 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Ada, Oklahoma. Such change is necessary due to a conflict with the Oklahoma Centennial celebration on November 16, 2007, which has been declared a tribal holiday by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Corrections were called to the resolution number changing it

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## Thelma Ellon Carroll



Thelma Ellon Carroll, 92 of Kingston, Okla., died November 3, 2007 at the Family Care Center in Kingston. She was born Jan. 9, 1915 at Mead, Okla., to Emerson James and Annie Mitchell James.

She was raised in the Mead and Lake Texoma area. She married Whit Carroll on September 14, 1930 in Kingston. He preceded her in death on November 19, 1971. They moved to west Texas where they farmed for more than 25 years around the Big Spring area.

In 1971 she moved to Lamesa, Texas where she lived until 1995 when she moved to Madill, Okla. She lived in Kingston for the last eight years. She was a member of the Northside Baptist Church in Lamesa, Texas.

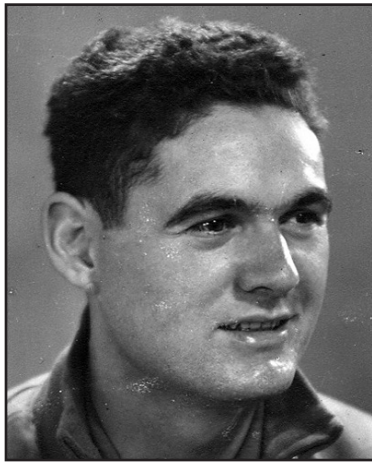
She enjoyed gardening, arts and crafts, puzzle books and cooking. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Whit; a daughter, Wilma Sandlin; and a grandson, Ronnie Gaskins Jr. She is survived by five daughters, Lorene and husband Ed Lauderdale, and Nadene and husband Dave Collard, all of Olney, Texas, and Wanda and husband Clyde Ashley, and Phyllis K. Carroll, all of Lebanon, Okla., and Letha Ringener, of Lamesa; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were November 6, 2007 at Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, with Dave Collard officiating. Interment was at Lebanon Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Rick Lauderdale, Steve Lauderdale, Kent Lauderdale, Blake Notgrass, Eddie Notgrass, and Dave Collard.

Condolences may be sent to [wattsfuneralhome.com](http://wattsfuneralhome.com).

## Glynn Norvell



Glynn Norvell, 82, of Purcell, Okla., died October 29, 2007 at a Lexington Nursing Home. He was born August 15, 1925 in Purcell.

One of six children born to Ira Edgar Norvell and Mildred Cathrine Perry, he grew up in the Goins Community west of Purcell.

At the age of 18, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and proudly served his country two and one-half years overseas during WWII. He was in five major battles including the Battle of the Bulge. While serving in the Army he drove a tank for the 2nd Armored Division.

One year after returning home from the war he met Elizabeth Ellen Cunningham. They married April 5, 1947. After their marriage, he worked a short time at Tinker Air Force Base before going to work for Halliburton. In 1958 after working seven years for Halliburton, they moved to a home west of Purcell where he began a life long career of farming and ranching. Throughout his life on the farm, he had many wonderful friends and neighbors. He worked hard and took great pride in providing a living for his wife and three children.

Between seasons on the farm, they took time off and enjoyed traveling together. He was a past member of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and a member of the Purcell American Legion. In 1997 because of his failing health, he retired from farming and spent more time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Choc Norvell; a son, Glynn Taylor Norvell Jr.; a daughter, Denny Lou Norvell; and two sisters, Louise Wyatt and Dorothy Vela.

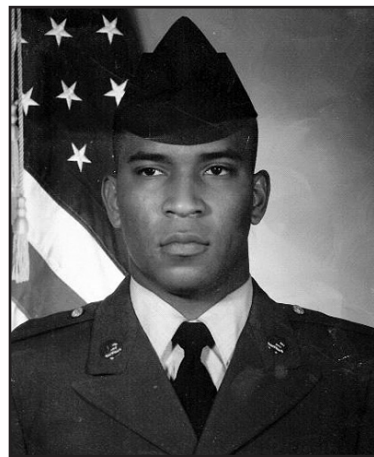
He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of the home; a son,

Mark Norvell and wife Dana, of Frederick, Okla.; two brothers, Perry Norvell and Johnny Norvell and wife Phyllis, all of Purcell; a sister, Jimmie Duffy and husband Robert, of Norman, Okla.; four grandchildren, Katie, Piper, Erin and Carter Norvell; and several nieces, nephews and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services were November 1, 2007 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel, Purcell, with Rev. Charlie Graves, of Frederick, officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Purcell.

Pallbearers were John and Tom Jensen, Luz Chavira, Charlie Sherman, Dale Chambers and Kim Freeze.

## Robert Wayne Johns, Sr.



Graveside services for Robert Wayne Johns, Sr., 41, were Oct. 15, 2007, at McAlister Cemetery with the Rev. Melvin Palmer officiating. He died Oct. 12, 2007 at Oklahoma City. He was born Feb. 26, 1966, at Lawton, Okla., to Walter "Sonny" and Tia Juana Wilson Johns.

Mr. Johns was raised in Ardmore, Okla., and was proud of his heritage of the Mississippi Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee tribes.

He graduated from Ardmore High School and attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Army National Guard at Ardmore.

He was preceded in death by his father and one great-niece, Alexis Paige Culberson.

He is survived by a son, Robert Wayne Johns, Jr.; a daughter, Maignanne Johns, both of Wayne, Okla.; his mother, Tia Juana Johns, Ardmore; four sisters, Marquita Embrey, Ardmore, Sonya Johns, Ada, Okla., An-

drea Johns, Lone Grove, Okla., and Robyn Miller and her husband, Andy, Stonewall, Okla.; a brother, Donald Johns and his wife, Charlene, Ardmore; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Bearers were Cody Duane, Daniel John and David Johnson, George B. Tsoodle, Winston Palmer and Jacob Thompson.

## Dorothy Serena Duncan Lenard

Dorothy Serena Duncan Lenard, 87, died Oct. 21, 2007 at her home in Milburn, Okla. She was born November 6, 1919 in Cumberland, Okla., to James Watson Duncan a full-blood Chickasaw and Samantha Addie McMurtry Duncan.

She married James Virgil Lenard December 17, 1938 in Madill, Okla. She lived in Marshall and Johnston Counties all of her life. She was a faithful member of the Milburn Church of God. Mrs. Lenard was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dec. 25, 1997; three brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by three daughters, Emma Grundy and Edna Lenard, both of Milburn, and Lanora Ratliff and her husband G.L. Ratliff, of Tishomingo, Okla.; two sons, Kenneth Lenard and his wife Edna, of Milburn, and Edward Lenard and his wife Linda, of Mill Creek, Okla.; two sisters, Hazel Maxwell, of Midwest City, Okla., and Opal Stephens, of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother, P. B. Duncan of Midwest City; and 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were October 24, 2007 at Milburn Church of God with Rev. Rocky Pettyjohn officiating. Interment followed at Woodberry Forest Cemetery, Madill.

Pallbearers were Mike Lenard, Tim Grundy, Teddy Lenard, Darrell Walker, Tommy Lenard, and Kenneth Lenard, Jr.

She was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a faithful Christian.

## Pamela June Lamb



Pamela June Lamb, 50 of Oxnard, Calif., died Nov. 2, 2007. Services were Nov. 7, 2007 at James A. Reardon-Payton Mortuary. Burial followed in Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura, Calif.

Miss Lamb was born Sept. 21, 1957 to Edna and Boyce Lamb in Lancaster, Calif. She was raised in Ventura County.

She worked as a cosmetologist for many years and later earned her degree in nursing. She was a lady who always had a smile on her face and loved her family and friends dearly. She was a loving daughter, sister, mother and grandmother and will be missed very much.

She was preceded in death by her father, Boyce Lamb; and stepfather, Elizar Hernandez.

She is survived by her mother, Edna Hernandez of Camarillo, Calif.; a sister, Judy Shockley of Camarillo; a brother, John Lamb of Sandpoint, Idaho; sons, Tony Santiago, Thomas Santiago and Theodoro Mora, all of Oxnard; granddaughters, Adelina and Annessa Santiago; and many nieces and nephews.

Goodbye fair princess may the angels from heaven take you to our Lord, where we will meet again.

We love you, Mom.

*Remember me as your rock who stood beside you throughout your life, who wiped away your tears, who made you laugh when you thought you never would again.*

*Remember, I love each of you. Forget all my bad faults, remember all the good, funny beautiful things I've shared with you. Keep God close to your heart and soon we'll meet once more in heaven.*

*-Love aunt, mom, grandma, daughter, friend, Pamela*



## Jane Legg

Funeral services for Jane Legg, 61, of Tishomingo, Okla., were Oct. 30, 2007 at the Clark Funeral Chapel with Allen Beck and Jerry Imotichey officiating. Interment followed in Sandy Creek Cemetery near Fillmore, Okla. Mrs. Legg died Oct. 24, 2007 at her home.

She was born June 24, 1946 in Durant, Okla., to Homer Alberson and Frankie Fillmore Alberson. She attended Ravia Schools and later attended the Indian School of Practical Nursing in Albuquerque, N.M., where she received her degree as a licensed practical nurse. She worked many years in the local hospital and most recently at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Tishomingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Herbert Legg.

She is survived by four daughters, Christine Dorer and Denise Legg, of Tishomingo, Alison Byford, of Tulsa, and Monta Legg, of Oklahoma City; a son, Joe Legg, of Kansas; a sister, Jannie Samis, of Tishomingo; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Justin Ray, John A. Ray, Perry Dorer, Robert Arnold, Corey Sanders and Anthony Hicks. Honorary bearers were Brett Byford and Anthony Hicks, Jr.

## Dahlia White

Dahlia White died Oct. 27, 2007 at Boerne, Texas. She was born on Nov. 17, 1916 in Milburn, Okla., the only child to Maude (Skillern) and Richard B. Smith.

She was raised in the Johnston (OK) County area, attending schools at Bold Springs, Milburn, Fillmore and Murray State College.

She married Frank A. White Sept. 16, 1937 at Ada, Okla. They later moved to the Oklahoma City area and became two of the original settlers of Midwest City, purchasing a home there in 1941. After her husband's death in 1999, she continued to live there until 2005. She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and was involved in and kept abreast of affairs within the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; a daughter, Betth (White) Cavender; and special cousin (like her sister), Ella (Lanier) Vestal.

She is survived by a daughter, Frances (Henderson) White, of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas; three grandchildren, Mike Cavender and wife Teri, of Burnet, Texas, Dave Henderson and wife, Mary Beth, of Fair Oaks Ranch, and Krista (Cavender) Hampton and husband Tim, of Durant, Okla.; six great-grandchildren, Cory and Kyle Cavender, Katie and Jessie Henderson, Sydney and Charley Hampton; and numerous close cousins and friends.

## Lydia Mae Kilcrease

Services for Lydia Mae Kilcrease, 79, Ada, Okla., were August 29, 2007 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Don Jacobs officiating. Burial followed in Steedman Cemetery. Mrs. Kilcrease died Aug. 26, 2007, at a local hospital. She was born Feb. 18, 1928, at Kulihome, Okla., to Deward and Ethel Stick Walker.

Mrs. Kilcrease attended Kulihome schools. She was a homemaker and was also employed with the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Program. She was a member of Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church.

She married Roman Kilcrease in 1949. He died March 10, 2000.

She is survived by three sons, Merle Stick, Lloyd Kilcrease and Roman Kilcrease Jr., all of Ada; three daughters, Rosie Worcester, Ada, Madelyn Huffman and Maxine Reyes, both of Oklahoma City; 29 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; an aunt, Pauline Walker, Ada; two nieces, Kathleen Meeley and Geneva Meeley, both of Oklahoma City; numerous cousins; and a granddaughter, whom she reared, Elizabeth Ritter.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nellie Johns; a son, Wallace Kilcrease; a brother, Winston Walker; a sister, Susie Meeley; and two nephews, Jeffrey Meeley and Darren Meeley.

Bearers were Terry Stick, Robert Tiger, Robert Jones, Glenn Parks, Cesar Reyes and Merle Stick, Jr.

## Note of thanks

We would like to give thanks to all the staff at Carl Albert Hospital that cared for our mother and grandmother, Lydia Kilcrease (Lottie). We would especially like to thank Sonya Frazier, Linda Walter, Neda Rolette in ICU, Heather Washington in Med/Surg, and most importantly Dr. Gaddy.

Thank you so much for the compassion you showed while

caring for our loved one. We would also like to thank Pastor Don and Diane Jacobs and the entire congregation of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church. Thank you for always being there for granny. We appreciate all the prayers, the generosity, hospitality and compassion that we received. Thank you Carl Albert for all accommodations you provided to us in our time

spent in your facility. We would also like to give thanks to the Chickasaw Community in recognizing and remembering our loved one, Criswell Funeral Home, and all family and friends for the flowers, food and all the support. May God bless and keep you. You are certainly in all of our prayers.

-- The family of Lydia Kilcrease

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from GR24-003 to GR25-003 and the year was changed in paragraph five and six to 2007.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to adopt GR25-003 as amended.

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Katie

Case, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

**9 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR25-003, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #**

### ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature Secretary  
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

## Directory available for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

### CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Chickasaw Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of product/services (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

| Name/Title | Percent Ownership | CDIB  | Tribal Affiliation |
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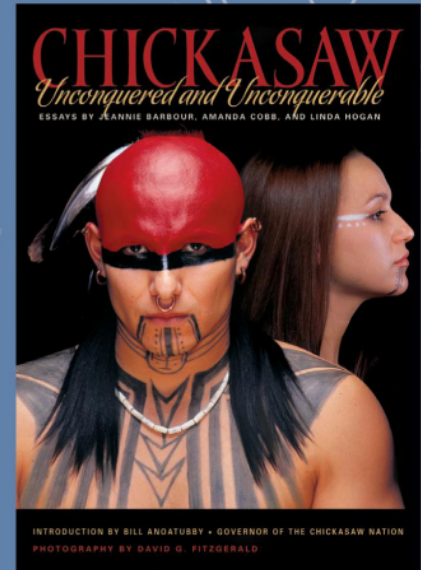


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